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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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                     NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
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                          WESTERN DIVISION
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    OLD GRANITE DEVELOPMENT, LTD., - Case No. 3:06-CV-2950
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       Plaintiffs,
                                         Toledo, Ohio
                                         May 20, 2008
6
                                         TRIAL
           v.
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    CITY OF TOLEDO,
8
       Defendants.
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                              VOLUME 2
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                        TRANSCRIPT OF TRIAL
                BEFORE THE HONORABLE JACK ZOUHARY
            UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, AND A JURY
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(Reconvened at 1:05 p.m.)
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                         THE COURT: You may continue with your
            cross-examination.
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                         MR. ROBON: Thank you, Your Honor.
13:05:03
13:05:04
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                        CHRISTY SONCRANT, CROSS-EXAMINATION
13:05:04
        6
            BY MR. ROBON:
13:05:06
        7
               Q. Mrs. Soncrant, I'm going to hand you Exhibit
13:05:06
        8
            Number 1. This is an aerial photo showing the Cambridge
13:05:10
        9
13:05:14
       10
            subdivision taken in 2006 prior to the -- do you
            recognize that?
13:05:19
       12
               A. Yes.
13:05:20
13:05:20
       13
                   And that is an accurate depiction of --
               A. Of the area, yeah.
13:05:23
       14
               Q. From an aerial?
13:05:25
       15
                    I'm going to hand you what's been marked as
13:05:33
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            Exhibit Number 9. This goes all the way from Bates
13:05:35
       17
            Road to Ford Road.
13:05:40
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       19
               A. Okay.
13:05:43
       20
13:05:45
               Q. Does that accurately depict what is there?
       21
               A. Yes.
13:05:47
                         MR. ROBON: Mr. Bahret, this other one is
13:05:54
       22
       23
            Number 1.
13:05:57
       24
                         MR. BAHRET: Thank you.
13:05:58
13:06:18
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               Q. Can you tell the jury the last time that you were
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1
            out to the Cambridge subdivision?
13:06:21
                    Oh, boy. It's been a while.
13:06:24
        2
               Α.
                    Would you say it's been since the summer of 2006?
13:06:28
        3
               Q.
                    Oh, no. It's been more recent than that.
13:06:33
        4
               Α.
13:06:37
               Q.
                    Can you tell the jury the purpose of your
        5
            visiting the Cambridge subdivision?
13:06:39
        6
                    Oh, I'm sorry, the subdivision? I've been on the
        7
13:06:44
               Α.
            railroad property, not the subdivision itself.
13:06:47
        8
            apologize.
13:06:50
        9
13:06:50
       10
               0.
                   What were you doing on the railroad property?
                    Checking to see how the seeding is coming up, how
13:06:53
       11
               Α.
            the property is looking since we've been through there.
13:06:56
13:07:00
       13
               Q. Did you see the manhole that is 150 feet roughly
            from the property line of Cambridge?
13:07:06
       14
               A. Yes, I did.
13:07:10
       15
               Q. And did you see the water ponding on the side of
13:07:11
       16
            the manhole?
13:07:14
       17
                    I may have. There may have been water there
13:07:19
       18
               Α.
            when I was there.
       19
13:07:22
       20
               Q.
                   Did you wonder why the water's still there?
13:07:23
                   No, I did not.
13:07:27
       21
               Α.
                    Did you make a note of it in your report or
13:07:30
       22
               Ο.
       23
            anything?
13:07:34
       24
                    I do not do reports. The construction
13:07:37
13:07:40
       25
            technician does those.
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Q. Did you tell anybody in the City that there was
13:07:41
            water by the manhole; not in the manhole, but outside of
        2
13:07:45
            it when you were there?
13:07:49
        3
               A. When I was there this last time, no, I did not.
13:07:52
         4
                   What about the time before?
13:07:55
               0.
         5
               A. Other times, yes, I have mentioned that there's
13:07:56
        6
            water there.
        7
13:08:00
                   Who did you mention it to?
13:08:00
        8
               0.
13:08:02
        9
                   My boss.
               Α.
13:08:04
       10
               Q.
                   And that's Mr. Moline?
                    No, my direct boss, which is Mr. Scott Sibley.
13:08:06
       11
               Α.
       12
               Q.
                   Scott?
13:08:11
13:08:11
       13
               Α.
                   Scott Sibley.
                    Sibley. I've never heard that name.
13:08:13
       14
               Q.
            involved in the construction of this project?
13:08:16
       15
               A. He is my boss, so he's the direct boss.
13:08:18
       16
               O. Is he the one who made the decision not to do
13:08:21
       17
            anything --
13:08:24
       18
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
       19
13:08:27
       20
13:08:28
               Q. -- about the flooding, after the pipe was
       21
            severed?
13:08:32
                    He would be part of it, part of the
13:08:34
       23
            decision-making process, yes.
13:08:37
       24
                         THE COURT: That objection was overruled, by
13:08:47
       25
            the way.
13:08:48
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1
                   I'm handing you what's been marked as Exhibit
13:08:51
            Number 37. This is a picture taken from the back of
        2
13:08:54
            lot 15, which is the house that's on the Cambridge
13:08:58
        3
            subdivision facing the railroad. Do you see the cable
13:09:02
        4
            and the electrical boxes in the back?
13:09:08
        5
               A. Yes, I do.
13:09:11
        6
               Q. And do you recall that Cambridge -- within a
        7
13:09:12
            couple feet there is a catch basin here between lots 15
13:09:27
            and 10?
13:09:31
        9
13:09:32
       10
              A. I do recall there's a catch basin down there,
13:09:35
       11
           yes.
       12
               Q. Did you see this kind of water when you were at
13:09:35
13:09:37
       13
            the site?
               A. I don't remember seeing that much water when I
13:09:38
       14
           was out there.
13:09:41
       15
              Q. Would that, if you saw that today, would that
13:09:43
       16
            give you concern?
13:09:46
       17
                   I don't know if I would be -- I mean, I feel
13:09:53
       18
            concern for the people whose property it is, but I can't
       19
13:09:59
       20
            say that it's anything that we did.
13:10:03
       21
               Q. So you're denying that the City has caused the
13:10:06
            excess flooding?
13:10:09
       22
       23
               A. I do not believe they have.
13:10:10
       24
               Q. But you do admit to severing the --
13:10:13
13:10:17
       25
               A. Yes, I do.
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And you said just before we took a lunch break, I
13:10:19
        1
            believe you said, yes, maybe I made a mistake?
        2
13:10:23
               A. Yes, I said that.
13:10:27
        3
                    I'm going to hand you Exhibit Number 20.
13:10:33
        4
                                                                   This
            is a photograph --
13:10:38
        5
                         MR. BAHRET: Judge, these lights are not
13:11:40
        6
            individually controlled.
13:11:42
        7
        8
                         THE COURT: During the lunch break we played
13:11:43
            with the overhead. We therefore dimmed the overhead
        9
13:11:46
13:11:49
       10
            just directly above. It helped a little bit, but
            obviously is not the source of the problem.
13:11:53
       11
            BY MR. ROBON:
       12
13:11:55
13:11:55
       13
                   When you were driving to the site in 2005 before
13:11:59
       14
            anything took place, is this the path that you drove
            down with your vehicle with the trains off to the left
13:12:03
       15
            and all this brush on the right?
13:12:08
       16
13:12:11
       17
               A. Yes.
                    Is that a fair depiction of what you saw from the
13:12:12
       18
               Ο.
            windshield of your car?
       19
13:12:14
       20
               Α.
                   Yes.
13:12:15
       21
                    I'm going to hand you what's been marked as
13:12:29
               0.
            Exhibit Number 18 and ask: Is that a fair depiction of
13:12:31
       22
       23
            the brambles and brush that abutted the Cambridge
13:12:37
       24
            subdivision when you drove by in 2005 before any
13:12:41
13:12:46
       25
            clearing took place?
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1
                     It could be, yes.
13:12:47
                Α.
                    Very similar?
13:12:48
         2
                Q.
13:12:50
         3
                Α.
                    Yes.
                    If not the same?
13:12:50
         4
                Ο.
13:12:51
         5
                Α.
                     Yes.
                     And the same with regard to Exhibit Number 19, is
13:12:56
         6
             that the same type of brambles and trees and brush that
         7
13:13:03
             was growing at the rear of the Cambridge subdivision?
13:13:07
         8
                Α.
                     I think so.
13:13:10
         9
13:13:13
        10
                Q.
                    And you see how thick they are?
13:13:16
        11
                Α.
                     Yes.
        12
                    And you see there are no leaves on them at that
13:13:16
13:13:19
        13
             time, correct?
13:13:20
        14
                Α.
                    Correct.
                    Were there leaves on them when you saw them?
13:13:21
        15
                Q.
13:13:23
                    No, there were not.
        16
                Α.
13:13:24
        17
                0.
                     They were just like this?
                Α.
                    Yes.
13:13:26
        18
                    Exhibit Number 19.
13:13:26
        19
                Q.
        20
13:13:43
                     I want you to look at Exhibit Number 60.
                                                                      This
             is an e-mail from you to Jim Bilicki dated June 4 of
        21
13:13:47
             '06 -- I'm sorry. Yes, you forwarded it on to Mr.
13:13:54
        22
        23
             Bilicki?
13:13:58
        24
                A. Yes.
13:13:59
13:14:00
        25
                Q. It was an e-mail from John McCarthy?
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1
               Α.
                    Yes
13:14:02
                    Was this the beginning of this engineer's
13:14:07
        2
            concerns about what had happened with the Cambridge
13:14:10
        3
            subdivision?
13:14:12
        4
                    Probably pretty close to the time, yeah, because
13:14:18
        5
            that's early June.
13:14:20
        6
                    Isn't he giving you suggestions on how to solve
        7
               0.
13:14:24
            the problem?
13:14:28
        8
                    He's talking about the trees that were there.
13:14:43
        9
               Α.
13:14:51
       10
               Q.
                    Replanting them?
13:14:55
       11
               Α.
                    Yes.
       12
               Q. Would you acknowledge that the grade of the
13:14:56
13:15:03
       13
            property, the height of the property where the water
            main is is now higher than what it was before the
13:15:06
       14
            excavation took place next to the Cambridge subdivision?
13:15:11
       15
                    I'm not 100 percent sure if it is or not.
13:15:16
               Α.
       16
            I'm -- I did not -- I don't know if we took any
13:15:21
       17
            elevation shots of now how it is compared to when it was
       18
13:15:24
            before.
13:15:28
       19
       20
13:15:29
               Q. Were you aware that Ric-man Construction, the
            general contractor of the City, did not haul away any
       21
13:15:35
            fill dirt or earth?
13:15:39
       22
       23
                    I knew that they didn't haul away at all, so yes.
13:15:40
       24
                    So if I have a six foot wide elliptical pipe, six
13:15:43
13:15:48
       25
            feet high and six feet wide, a mile long, that's an
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awful lot of fill dirt, isn't it?
        1
13:15:54
13:15:56
         2
               Α.
                    Yes.
                    It had to go someplace, right?
13:15:58
         3
                Q.
                    Right.
13:16:01
         4
               Α.
                    And they didn't haul it away, so would you say a
13:16:01
                Q.
         5
            safe assumption for this jury is they left it on the
13:16:04
         6
            height and raised the height?
        7
13:16:07
               Α.
                    Yes.
13:16:08
        8
                    Now we're going to look at Exhibit Number 104.
13:16:15
        9
                Q.
13:16:23
        10
            This is another e-mail, June 19, originally June 15,
            from Mr. McCarthy, correct?
13:16:29
        11
        12
               Α.
                    Yes.
13:16:31
13:16:32
        13
                0.
                    And you forwarded it on to Mr. Bilicki?
13:16:35
        14
               Α.
                   Yes, I did.
                    And he was your boss?
13:16:36
        15
                Q.
                    No, that's the contractor.
13:16:39
        16
               Α.
                    That's the contractor. Well, you gave the
13:16:40
        17
                Ο.
            contractor this information, but you didn't follow up
        18
13:16:46
            and ask them to do anything about it, did you?
        19
13:16:48
        20
               Α.
                    Well, I wanted to keep him abreast of one of the
13:16:51
        21
            complaints of a property owner.
13:16:55
                    Did you look upon this as the complaint of the
13:17:00
        22
        23
            property owner, or did you look upon this as an opinion
13:17:02
        24
            of a professional engineer who said there is a problem?
13:17:06
13:17:12
        25
               A. Probably more of an engineer, that there was a
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1
            problem.
13:17:16
               Q. Probably more of, but did you view Mr. McCarthy
13:17:17
        2
            as a pest, bothering you all the time?
13:17:22
        3
                    I wouldn't call him a pest, no.
13:17:25
        4
               Α.
                    Well, was he bothering you, calling you
13:17:27
               0.
        5
            constantly asking for action?
13:17:30
        6
                   He was calling, but it wasn't bothering.
13:17:32
        7
               Α.
                   Did you ever give him any satisfaction?
13:17:37
        8
               Ο.
        9
               Α.
                   No.
13:17:41
13:17:48
       10
               Q. Handing you what we've marked as Exhibit Number
            8, it's an e-mail dated June 27 of '06. It looks like
13:17:52
       11
       12
            you forwarded this to Cynthia Morefield. Who is she?
13:18:00
13:18:05
       13
               Α.
                    That's, again, with the contractor.
13:18:10
       14
                         THE COURT: When it says Leslie, who is
            Leslie?
13:18:12
       15
               A. Leslie Kovacik, City lawyer.
13:18:13
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13:18:15
       17
               Q. Would you read to the jury what you wrote?
                         MR. BAHRET: Could you move that off there,
13:18:23
       18
            and can we approach? Also, 8 in your book is a
       19
13:18:25
       20
            different document.
13:18:28
       21
                         MR. ROBON: I'm sorry; this is 105.
                                                                  It was
13:18:29
            marked as a previous exhibit.
13:18:32
       22
       23
                         THE COURT: It is a map?
13:18:35
       24
                         MR. ROBON: This is -- I'm sorry, but my gal
13:18:36
13:18:39
       25
            didn't cover up the old number.
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THE COURT: So this is 105?
13:18:42
        1
13:18:44
        2
                         MR. ROBON: Yes.
                         MR. BAHRET: We still need to approach.
13:18:46
        3
                         (Discussion had off the record.)
13:18:55
        4
            BY MR. ROBON:
13:20:12
        5
               Q. Did you say to Leslie: What do I do with this
13:20:13
            gentleman? referring to Mr. McCarthy?
13:20:15
        7
               A. Yes, I did.
13:20:19
        8
                    And he sent you another e-mail, Exhibit Number 61
13:20:32
        9
               Q.
13:20:40
        10
            on August 19 of '06?
13:20:42
       11
               Α.
                   Okay.
13:20:43
        12
               Q. So one every week or two?
13:20:46
       13
               Α.
                   Yes.
               Q. That's your recollection?
13:20:47
       14
13:20:48
       15
               A. Yes.
                         MR. BAHRET: Exhibit 61?
13:20:49
       16
13:20:51
       17
                         MR. ROBON: Yes.
                    I want you to identify Exhibit Number 97.
               0.
13:20:54
       18
                                                                    Ιs
            this the contract that was entered into between the City
        19
13:20:59
       20
13:21:04
            of Toledo and Ric-man Construction?
               A. Yes, it is.
        21
13:21:06
                    Did the contract provide for special care to be
13:21:15
        22
        23
            taken for trees and shrubbery; do you recall?
13:21:17
        24
               A. It probably -- it usually has directions on how
13:21:23
13:21:27
       25
            to clear and grub.
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1
                   I'm going to call your attention to page SP-86 in
13:21:30
            this contract. It says, "Protection, removal, and
13:21:39
        2
            repair of trees and shrubs." It says, "Consult with
13:21:44
        3
            engineer, " that means the contractor is to consult with
13:21:48
        4
            the engineer?
13:21:54
        5
               Α.
                   Yes.
13:21:54
        6
                   Did Ric-man or Vermillion ever consult with you?
        7
               Ο.
13:21:54
                   No, they did not.
13:21:58
        8
               Α.
                   Did you consult with them?
13:21:59
        9
               Q.
13:22:01
       10
               A. No, I did not.
                         THE COURT: Well, in fairness, do you want
13:22:05
       11
       12
            to read the entire -- what you're reading from.
13:22:07
13:22:10
       13
                         MR. ROBON: Subparagraph B, fell trees to be
            removed so as not to injure trees to remain.
13:22:14
       14
                         THE COURT: No, part A. "Consult with
13:22:16
       15
            engineer and obtain permission prior to removal of any
13:22:18
       16
13:22:21
       17
            tree or shrub not noted on the drawings to be removed
            well in advance of such removals."
13:22:25
       18
            BY MR. ROBON:
       19
13:22:28
       20
               Q. Was there any kind of consultation?
13:22:28
       21
                   No, there was not.
13:22:30
               Α.
                   On the drawings that were given to the
13:22:32
       22
               0.
       23
            contractor, did it show the big trees that were to be
13:22:36
       24
            removed, or did it just show the demarcation line, cut
13:22:39
13:22:44
       25
            everything in the way?
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It just showed the right of way lines.
13:22:45
         1
                    So the City prepared the plans or had the plans
13:22:56
         2
            prepared for Ric-man Construction, correct?
13:23:02
         3
                Α.
                    Correct.
13:23:05
         4
                    So the City would have had to demarcate or note,
13:23:06
                0.
         5
             stay away five or ten feet from property lines, or
13:23:10
         6
            anything like that?
        7
13:23:14
                    That is correct.
                Α.
13:23:14
         8
                    And the City did not do that?
13:23:15
         9
                Q.
13:23:16
        10
                Α.
                    No.
                    Until today, did you ever acknowledge that
13:23:30
        11
                0.
        12
            perhaps the City made a mistake with the Cambridge
13:23:36
            subdivision?
13:23:40
        13
13:23:41
        14
                Α.
                    No.
                    And you do acknowledge it now?
13:23:45
        15
                Q.
13:23:47
                Α.
                    I did earlier, yes.
        16
13:23:49
        17
                          MR. ROBON: No further questions.
                          THE COURT: Do you reserve the right to call
13:23:51
        18
13:23:54
            during your case, I assume?
        19
13:23:55
        20
                          MR. BAHRET: I do.
        21
                          THE COURT: You may step down then.
13:23:55
                          You may call your next witness.
13:23:59
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        23
                          (The witness was sworn by the clerk.)
13:24:33
        24
                          THE COURT: That's the mike, and it works.
13:24:57
13:25:00
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            We ask you to swing it however you need to to be heard.
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1
            Thank you.
13:25:03
         2
13:25:08
                            RAY HUBER, DIRECT EXAMINATION
13:25:08
        3
            BY MR. ROBON:
13:25:09
        4
                    Would you introduce yourself to the jury?
         5
                Q.
13:25:09
               A. Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Ray
13:25:11
         6
        7
            Huber. I'm the Wood County engineer, Wood County,
13:25:14
            Ohio.
        8
13:25:16
                    And how long have you been the Wood County
        9
13:25:17
               Q.
13:25:19
        10
            engineer?
               A. About three and a half years now.
13:25:19
        11
                Q. And is the Wood County engineer responsible for
13:25:21
        12
13:25:25
        13
            public drainage?
13:25:27
        14
               A. For public drainage, yes.
               Q. But you're not responsible for private drainage,
13:25:28
        15
            correct?
13:25:31
        16
                    That is correct.
13:25:31
        17
               Α.
                    And the railroad property at the CSX railroad is
        18
                Ο.
13:25:32
            considered private property; is it not?
        19
13:25:37
        20
               Α.
                    That is correct.
13:25:40
                Q. And the land adjacent to the CSX railroad,
13:25:40
        21
            whether it's the Cambridge subdivision or other
13:25:44
        22
        23
            property, is private property, correct?
13:25:46
        24
               A. That is correct.
13:25:49
13:25:56
        25
                Q. Back in 2006, my understanding is the City of
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1
            Toledo engineers called you when they ran into a 24-inch
13:25:59
            diameter drain tile going from a manhole into a drainage
         2
13:26:04
            ditch next to the active tracks; do you recall that?
13:26:11
         3
                    No, sir, they did not.
13:26:15
         4
                Α.
                    They didn't call you?
13:26:17
         5
                Q.
                    No, sir.
13:26:18
         6
                Α.
                    Who did they call?
        7
13:26:19
                O.
                    I don't know.
13:26:20
         8
                Α.
                    Did you meet with them?
13:26:21
         9
                Q.
13:26:23
        10
                Α.
                    With the City of Toledo relative to that issue?
13:26:26
        11
                0.
                    Yes.
        12
                    No, sir.
13:26:27
                Α.
13:26:27
        13
                Q.
                    You never did?
13:26:29
        14
                Α.
                    No.
                    Did you meet with Christy Soncrant here?
13:26:30
        15
                Q.
                    I met with her in -- I believe it was July or
13:26:34
        16
                Α.
             sometime in that area of '06.
13:26:38
        17
                    Was that before or after that drain tile was
13:26:41
        18
                0.
             severed; do you know?
        19
13:26:45
        20
                Α.
                    I believe it was before.
13:26:46
                    And can you tell the jury what you told her?
13:26:49
        21
                Q.
                    I advised her that about a month prior to that
13:26:53
        22
        23
            time that I had been on that property, the Cambridge
13:26:58
        24
            subdivision property, to look at an issue relative to
13:27:01
13:27:07
        25
            vegetation, and in the process of walking around the
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1
            property, I did observe a catch basin and a pipe inside
13:27:11
            that catch basin that appeared to go underneath the
13:27:16
        2
            railroad or what was the old Toledo terminal railroad,
13:27:19
        3
            which is on your graphics there called a waterline.
13:27:22
        4
            And --
13:27:26
        5
               Q. Why don't you come over here and point that out
13:27:27
        6
            for the jury here.
        7
13:27:29
               Α.
                   Sure.
13:27:31
        8
                   This is Exhibit Number 6.
        9
               Q.
13:27:43
                   I did observe this little catch basin at that
13:27:51
       10
               Α.
            point right here the day I was out there, which was in
13:27:54
       11
       12
            May of 2006. I did see a pipe that appeared to go
13:27:57
13:28:00
       13
            under the -- it looked like the blue line, which is the
            old abandoned Toledo terminal railroad, which the City
13:28:04
       14
            of Toledo was going to use to place their waterline.
13:28:07
       15
            And at that time I noticed over here between the
13:28:10
       16
13:28:15
       17
            existing railroad and where the waterline was going to
            go, there appeared to be an outlet at that location
13:28:18
       18
            right there.
       19
13:28:21
       20
               Q. Right here, in the ditch?
13:28:22
               Α.
       21
                   That ditch. I had no way of knowing at that
13:28:25
            time if the two were connected. I have no evidence to
13:28:27
       22
       23
            that -- at that point. I had no idea as to which way
13:28:30
            the water, if it did go through there at all, whether it
       24
13:28:33
13:28:36
       25
            drained from here to there, or from there back up the
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1
           other way. But I did see it.
13:28:39
                   And did you call it to the City's attention?
13:28:41
        2
               A. I subsequently -- I don't know whether I called
13:28:43
        3
            it to her attention or you called it to my attention.
13:28:46
        4
            Somehow the message got back to the City of Toledo. I
        5
13:28:49
        6
            agreed to meet with the City of Toledo on the job site
13:28:52
           about a month, month and a half later, something along
        7
13:28:55
        8
            those lines. I can't recall the exact date because I
13:28:59
           didn't note it down. But what I had done is I went
13:29:02
        9
13:29:04
       10
           back to the office. When I saw this, one of the things
            that as a county engineer I'm responsible for is
13:29:08
       11
       12
            drainage. I am sensitive to drainage issues. When I
13:29:11
13:29:15
       13
            saw that I thought, I wonder if that's been considered,
13:29:19
       14
            that this waterline is going to pass through there.
           Went back to the office, checked the old railroad plans;
13:29:22
       15
            I think they're on file here somewhere. Noted on the
13:29:24
       16
13:29:28
       17
           railroad plans there was a 24-inch diameter pipe shown
           on the railroad drawings. I said, I wonder if the City
       18
13:29:31
           has picked that up on their plans. I checked the copy
       19
13:29:35
       20
            of the plan I have in my office courtesy of the City of
13:29:38
       21
            Toledo, noted it was not there. Said, uh-uh. Somebody
13:29:42
           better know about this. That's when I was in contact
13:29:45
       22
       23
           with the City. I took a copy of the railroad plans
13:29:48
       24
           with me to the site when I met the young lady here,
13:29:50
13:29:53
       25
           and --
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1
                   You're referring to Christy Soncrant?
13:29:54
                   I'm assuming this is Christy. Said you ought to
        2
13:29:58
            be aware of this because I see it on my plan, here, see.
13:30:01
        3
            I don't see it on your plans. As a courtesy, one
13:30:04
        4
            professional to another professional, I offered that
13:30:07
        5
            courtesy to the City of Toledo. That's the last I
13:30:10
        6
            heard about it.
        7
13:30:13
               O. When your deposition was taken, Mr. Huber, a
13:30:16
        8
            question was asked: Now that this six-foot in diameter
13:30:20
        9
13:30:25
       10
            plus pipe is in the ground, how would you get water from
            the manhole over to this ditch?
13:30:33
       11
       12
                   And we talked about a pumping station.
13:30:37
13:30:39
       13
               Α.
                   If, in fact, that pipe were cut, and I had been
13:30:43
       14
            advised by attorneys that it has been cut, the only way
            to get it over the railroad now would either to be
13:30:46
       15
            probably to pump it across, up and over and into the
13:30:48
       16
            ditch that's between the two railroads.
13:30:52
       17
               Q. Do you recall that you gave me a $200,000
13:30:54
       18
            estimate to do that?
       19
13:30:58
13:30:58
       20
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
       21
                         THE COURT: Sustained.
13:30:59
                         MR. ROBON: I'll rephrase.
13:31:01
       22
       23
            BY MR. ROBON:
13:31:01
       24
               Q. Can you advise the jury what you believe the cost
13:31:01
13:31:04
       25
            of a pumping station would be to solve that problem?
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At that time I did use a number of $200,000 off
13:31:07
        1
            the top of my head without any engineering expertise --
13:31:11
         2
            or not expertise, but engineering data available to me
13:31:15
         3
            to make a statement like that.
13:31:18
         4
                    But it would be a rough idea, $10,000, $20,000
13:31:19
               0.
         5
            either way?
13:31:25
         6
        7
               Α.
                    It might even be more today.
13:31:25
                    More than 200, you mean?
13:31:28
         8
               Ο.
                    More than 200.
        9
               Α.
13:31:30
13:31:31
       10
               0.
                    And permission would have to be obtained from the
            CSX railroad and the City of Toledo to put a pumping
13:31:35
       11
            station at that point, correct?
       12
13:31:38
13:31:41
       13
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection, Your Honor.
                                                                   Two
13:31:45
       14
            reasons: One, it's not only leading; secondly, this man
            would have no idea if he needs permission from the City
13:31:48
       15
            of Toledo.
13:31:52
       16
13:31:52
       17
                         MR. ROBON: I'll rephrase the question.
                         THE COURT:
                                      Thank you.
13:31:53
       18
            BY MR. ROBON:
13:31:55
       19
       20
                    Since the pumping station would be on the CSX
13:31:56
               Q.
            right-of-way, what do you believe would be necessary to
13:31:59
       21
            get permission?
13:32:02
       22
       23
                         THE COURT: If you know.
13:32:11
       24
                    Number one, as I see the project right now, the
13:32:15
13:32:18
       25
            pumping station would not be on the railroad's property.
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It's on private property. But in order to get from
        1
13:32:20
            private property to the middle of the ditch, you would
13:32:23
        2
            have to cross railroad -- well, now, railroad property
13:32:26
        3
            and the City of Toledo property. Permits would have to
13:32:29
        4
            be obtained from both.
13:32:31
        5
                   I'm going to put up on the stand here Exhibit
13:33:17
        6
            Number 37. This is a picture taken behind the house on
        7
13:33:23
            lot 15 in the Cambridge subdivision. It was taken
13:33:28
        8
            December 1 of '06 showing flooding. Do you believe that
        9
13:33:32
13:33:39
       10
            flooding may have been caused by the cutting of the
            manhole drainage pipe?
13:33:42
       11
       12
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
13:33:43
13:33:46
       13
                         THE COURT: I'm not sure a proper
            foundation's been laid. Is that the basis for your
13:33:48
       14
            objection?
13:33:52
       15
                         MR. BAHRET: It's leading, no foundation.
13:33:53
       16
            And if it's opinion testimony, it isn't to the proper
13:33:55
       17
            standard. So there's three reasons.
13:33:58
       18
                         MR. ROBON: I'll start over.
13:34:01
       19
       20
13:34:02
                         THE COURT: Thank you.
            BY MR. ROBON:
       21
13:34:04
                   Mr. Huber, when you were out there, have you been
13:34:04
       22
       23
            out by the manhole since 2006?
13:34:07
       24
               A. Yes, on one other occasion.
13:34:11
13:34:13
       25
               Q. Did you see water ponding at the bottom outside
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the manhole?
        1
13:34:16
                    No, I did not.
13:34:17
         2
               Α.
                   Was it summertime?
13:34:18
         3
                Ο.
                    No, it was early spring, March, somewhere in that
13:34:20
         4
                Α.
13:34:24
         5
            area.
                0.
                    Things were frozen?
13:34:25
        6
        7
                    Things were pretty cold, yes. There was snow on
13:34:26
                Α.
            the ground.
13:34:29
        8
                    The county approved the development plans for the
13:34:33
        9
            Cambridge subdivision, correct?
13:34:36
        10
                    That's correct.
13:34:38
        11
        12
                    And there's a drainage plan for Cambridge
13:34:39
            subdivision?
13:34:42
        13
13:34:43
        14
               Α.
                    That's correct.
                    And the drainage plan shows several catch basins
13:34:43
        15
            alongside or near the CSX property, one of which the
13:34:50
        16
            testimony is right in this area between lots 15 and 16.
13:34:55
        17
            My question to you is: If that drainage was installed
13:35:01
        18
            according to the plans, should there be ponding of this
13:35:07
        19
13:35:12
        20
            depth and this magnitude on the back of the Cambridge
            subdivision?
        21
13:35:15
                          MR. BAHRET: Objection.
13:35:16
        22
        23
                          THE COURT: I'll overrule.
13:35:19
        24
                          MR. ROBON: You can answer.
13:35:22
13:35:23
        25
                Α.
                    This picture is on Cambridge's property?
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1
               Ο.
                    Yes.
13:35:26
                    It should not have been that deep, no, unless
        2
13:35:26
            there was an obstruction.
13:35:29
        3
               Q. And I'm going to hand you -- we had those plans
13:35:31
        4
            up here.
13:35:35
        5
               A. The railroad?
13:35:36
        6
        7
               O. Yeah.
13:35:36
                    I'm going to hand you what we've marked as
13:35:38
        8
            Exhibit Number 45. Are these the plans that you gave
        9
13:35:41
13:35:49
        10
            to Christy Soncrant showing the crossover pipe back in
            2006?
13:35:54
        11
        12
               A. Yes, it is, or a portion of it.
13:35:57
13:36:58
        13
               Q. Was there an implicit or other approval of the
13:37:02
        14
            severing of the drainage pipe by your office in your
            opinion?
13:37:05
       15
       16
               Α.
                    No.
13:37:05
13:37:07
        17
                         MR. ROBON: No further questions.
                         THE COURT: You may cross.
13:37:09
       18
       19
                         MR. BAHRET: Thank you.
13:37:10
       20
13:37:20
        21
                            RAY HUBER, CROSS-EXAMINATION
13:37:20
            BY MR. BAHRET:
13:37:20
        22
        23
                Q. Mr. Huber, you know who I am, right?
13:37:20
        24
               A. Yes, sir.
13:37:23
13:37:24
        25
                Q. And you and I, I don't remember the date, but we
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1
            had occasion to speak with you down in the Wood County
13:37:27
            offices?
        2
13:37:29
                    That is correct.
13:37:30
        3
               Α.
               Q. And by the way, the attractive woman sitting
13:37:30
        4
            there at the table, do you know who that is?
13:37:35
        5
                    That is Linda Holmes, our assistant prosecuting
13:37:37
        6
            attorney in Wood County.
13:37:40
        7
                    That was kind of a trick question. I was
13:37:43
        8
               0.
            wondering which woman you were going to pick.
13:37:47
        9
13:37:49
       10
               Α.
                    The best.
                    Mr. Huber, my understanding is you don't have a
13:37:56
       11
               0.
            subspecialty. You are an engineer?
13:37:58
13:38:00
       13
               Α.
                    That is correct.
               Q. Civil engineer?
13:38:01
       14
13:38:02
       15
               Α.
                   Right.
                   But you're not a water expert?
13:38:02
       16
               Q.
13:38:04
       17
               Α.
                    No.
                    And as far as actually doing any specific study
13:38:05
       18
               Ο.
            out at the Cambridge property, you really didn't do any
       19
13:38:09
       20
            studies of any kind, did you?
13:38:12
               A. No, sir.
13:38:14
       21
                    On this crossover pipe issue, that's basically
13:38:14
       23
            been the focus of your testimony, and I want to talk
13:38:19
       24
            about that. Do you know if the pipe was open?
13:38:21
13:38:28
       25
               A. When I observed it the day I was there, I did see
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1
            that the pipe had silt built up in it over Lord knows
13:38:31
            how long a time it was there. I can't say it was
13:38:36
        2
            plugged completely.
13:38:39
        3
               Q. But it was mostly plugged; was it not?
13:38:40
        4
                   Define "mostly."
13:38:43
        5
               Α.
                   So that it would have a substantial impact on its
13:38:44
        6
            ability to move water in any direction.
        7
13:38:47
                   Again, "substantial impact." There was an
13:38:52
        8
               Α.
            obstruction to the flow of water; I could say that.
13:38:55
        9
13:38:58
       10
                   Did you ever see the pipe when it was cut so you
            could see it from the middle looking out, its condition?
13:39:01
       11
       12
               A. No, sir.
13:39:05
13:39:05
       13
                   Would that be the best way to judge how plugged
13:39:08
       14
            it was?
               A. That would be one way, yes.
13:39:08
       15
               Q. Okay. How far below ground was that pipe?
13:39:10
       16
13:39:16
       17
               A. Not measuring it the day I was there, I estimated
            it was probably in the neighborhood of eight feet deep,
13:39:20
       18
            maybe ten feet. The more I was standing looking at
       19
13:39:23
       20
            it --
13:39:26
       21
               Q. First of all, do you know for sure it's that
13:39:27
            deep, or could it have been six?
13:39:31
       22
       23
                   It could have been six. It could have been ten.
13:39:32
       24
            I don't really --
13:39:35
13:39:36
       25
               Q. Do you know how deep the City water main is
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1
            installed?
13:39:38
                   Looking at the plans that I've looked at since
        2
13:39:39
            this time, the rule of thumb for most waterlines that
13:39:44
        3
            are built is the top of the pipe is usually five to six
13:39:47
        4
            feet below grade. The pipe diameter itself is five and
13:39:50
        5
            a half feet in diameter. The wall thickness of the
13:39:54
        6
            pipe is probably close to a foot, accumulative value.
        7
13:39:57
            So adding those numbers together, you're into the ground
13:40:03
        8
            12, 13 feet right off the bat.
13:40:07
        9
13:40:09
       10
               Q.
                    I was referring to the top.
                   Five to six feet is the norm.
13:40:10
       11
               Q. And, in fact, that would be specified as a
13:40:13
       12
13:40:16
       13
            minimum. They'd be upset if it was less than that;
            would they not?
13:40:19
       14
13:40:20
       15
               Α.
                   Normally, yes.
               0.
                   And do you know if the crossover pipe could fit
13:40:21
       16
            on top of the water main?
13:40:25
       17
                    Could a pipe fit on top of it, or did it?
               Α.
13:40:27
       18
                   Did it?
       19
               Q.
13:40:30
       20
               Α.
                   I don't know that.
13:40:31
       21
                   Okay. So you're not saying that one couldn't
13:40:31
               Q.
            simply put another pipe in right where it was but going
13:40:34
       22
       23
            over the water main?
13:40:38
       24
               A. You're asking me my learned opinion. I would say
13:40:40
13:40:44
       25
            it would be very impractical at this point.
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1
               Ο.
                   But you're not saying it can't be done?
13:40:46
                    I'm not saying it can't be done.
        2
               Α.
13:40:48
               Q. Would you agree with me, sir, that when you were
13:40:50
        3
            out there studying this project -- that's the wrong
13:40:53
        4
                    When you were there as a consultant, you were of
13:40:57
        5
            the opinion that more likely than not that pipe, if it's
13:41:00
        6
            draining any water at all --
        7
13:41:03
                         MR. ROBON: I'm going to object to the use
13:41:04
        8
            of the word "consultant." He was there as a county
13:41:07
        9
13:41:10
       10
            engineer, not as a consultant.
                         THE COURT: Well, let's ask the witness.
13:41:13
       11
                                                                      Ιn
       12
            what position were you there?
13:41:15
13:41:17
       13
                         THE WITNESS: I was there at the invite of
13:41:18
       14
            the Wood County Commissioner to visit Mr. Jack Laskey,
            who had invited the commissioner to come to the site to
13:41:21
       15
            look at vegetation.
13:41:24
       16
            BY MR. BAHRET:
13:41:26
       17
                   So would your role be like an informal
13:41:26
       18
               0.
            consultant, or was I off base?
       19
13:41:30
       20
               Α.
                    I was simply there as the county engineer as a
13:41:31
       21
            guest of the Wood County Commissioner.
13:41:34
               Q. Whatever your capacity was, when you were there,
13:41:37
       22
       23
            did you advise that you believed if the pipe was moving
13:41:40
       24
            water, it was likely moving it from railroad property
13:41:44
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towards the private property next to it?

25

13:41:49

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1
               Α.
                   No.
13:41:51
                   You did not?
13:41:51
        2
               Ο.
               A. Because I needed information to corroborate that
13:41:52
        3
            information.
13:41:56
        4
                    Isn't it a fact that the railroads typically
13:41:56
        5
               0.
            don't allow water from private property to come on the
13:41:59
            railroad property?
        7
13:42:03
               A. I can't answer that question.
13:42:05
        8
13:42:07
        9
                   Did you advise Mr. Laskey that that was your
               Q.
13:42:12
       10
            thought?
                   No, I did not.
13:42:12
       11
               Α.
       12
               Q. What condition was the catch basin -- is that the
13:42:18
13:42:22
       13
            proper term for this manhole, the catch basin?
13:42:25
       14
               Α.
                   Either one is acceptable.
                   What was the condition of it?
13:42:27
       15
               0.
                    It was broken down. It was not in good repair.
13:42:28
       16
               Α.
            How to describe its actual condition, from what I could
13:42:32
       17
            observe, it was old block, concrete block.
13:42:36
       18
            been -- some of it was broken down. The top was
13:42:41
       19
       20
13:42:44
            missing. Those were the small details that I do
            recall.
       21
13:42:47
               Q. Are you aware of the fact that Cambridge had a
13:42:49
       23
            water issue on its land even before there was any
13:42:53
       24
            construction on the pipeline?
13:42:55
13:42:57
       25
              A. No, sir.
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1
                   Can you read that? You can see it?
13:43:24
               Ο.
        2
               Α.
                   Yes.
13:43:27
                   And that's from page 31 --
13:43:28
        3
               Q.
                   Okay.
13:43:30
        4
               Α.
               Q. -- of the transcript.
13:43:30
        5
                   And I asked you: "Did they have a water issue
13:43:32
        6
        7
            there?"
13:43:35
                   And you said, "They had some water issues down in
        8
13:43:36
            here."
13:43:39
        9
13:43:40
       10
                   Question: This is before any construction?
                   And your answer is, "This is before any
13:43:42
       11
       12
           construction."
13:43:43
13:43:47
       13
                   Was that --
               A. You moved it away before I had a chance to --
13:43:48
       14
13:43:53
       15
               Q. I'm sorry.
               A. What timeframe are we looking at here? I'm
13:44:12
       16
            totally confused as to what I'm reading here relative to
13:44:15
       17
            the timeframes that were involved in this project. Are
13:44:18
       18
            we talking about when I was there the first time or
       19
13:44:23
13:44:25
       20
            later?
               Q. Before the construction. The question was, was
       21
13:44:26
            there water before the construction? I think that's
13:44:30
       23
            what the question said.
13:44:33
       24
              A. What is your specific question? I still haven't
13:44:52
13:44:55
       25
            been able to come up with an answer to your specific
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1
           question.
13:44:59
        2
               Q. Was there a water issue in the back of Cambridge
13:44:59
           before construction?
13:45:02
        3
              A. Of the waterline?
13:45:04
        4
               O. Yes. Before construction of the waterline and
13:45:05
        5
            cutting of the drainage culvert and those sorts of
13:45:09
        7
            things.
13:45:13
              A. On the day that I was there, there didn't seem to
13:45:13
        8
            be. But as I recall there had been some issues with
13:45:16
        9
13:45:18
       10
            water in that corner.
              Q. They advised you that there was an issue,
13:45:19
       12
           correct?
13:45:22
13:45:22
       13
               A. From what I can recollect, I think it was
13:45:25
       14
            mentioned. But again, I'm not real clear on it in my
           mind.
13:45:29
       15
              Q. Mr. Huber, that would be the only way you'd know
13:45:29
       16
13:45:31
       17
            about it is if they told you, right?
               A. That's correct.
13:45:34
       18
               Q. By the way, did you ever look in that manhole?
       19
13:45:41
       20
               A. I looked into it, yes.
13:45:45
       21
               Q. When did do you that?
13:45:54
                   The day I was there, the first time. Two years
13:45:56
       22
       23
           ago this month.
13:45:59
       24
               Q. Can you read that?
13:46:14
13:46:15
       25
               A. We're looking at what? Question number -- the
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1
           second question down?
13:46:18
                  Right. Page 61 of your deposition.
13:46:19
        2
               0.
13:46:23
        3
              A. Okay.
               Q. It says, "Did you open up the manhole and look
13:46:25
        4
            down into it?
13:46:27
        5
               A. I didn't have to look down into it. It was
13:46:28
        7
            already opened. Okay.
13:46:32
               Q. So in response to a question, "Did you open it up
13:46:39
        8
            and look down into it?" You say, "I did not."
13:46:42
        9
13:46:44
       10
               A. It was already opened.
               Q. But what about the part of the question, "Did you
13:46:46
       11
            look down into it?"
       12
13:46:47
13:46:48
       13
              A. I did.
               Q. Why doesn't it say that?
13:46:49
       14
                         MR. ROBON: Objection, Your Honor. That's
13:46:58
       15
           not the question he asked at the deposition.
13:46:59
       16
13:47:01
       17
               A. Are we talking about opening it up or looking
            down into it?
13:47:04
       18
               Q. Well, it's a two-part question.
       19
13:47:05
       20
               A. Well, the first part is, no, I did not because it
13:47:06
       21
            was already opened.
13:47:10
                   Did I look down into it? Yes, I did.
13:47:11
       22
       23
               Q. Let me get my book back together. All right,
13:47:24
       24
            Mr. Huber. Let me get my notes together here.
13:47:42
13:47:56
       25
                   And back on that standing water issue, sir,
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1
            you -- I think we've already covered this. You would
13:48:00
        2
            expect or you would not be surprised by a standing water
13:48:07
            issue back in that back part of the Cambridge property
13:48:11
        3
            and on the adjoining land, correct?
13:48:14
        4
13:48:17
        5
               Α.
                   That's correct.
                   And tell the jury why you would not be surprised
13:48:17
        6
            that there would be a standing water problem there even
        7
13:48:20
            if this pipe had never been cut.
        8
13:48:23
                   Like I mentioned earlier, when I did look into
               Α.
13:48:26
        9
13:48:29
       10
            the manhole and did see the pipe, there was no question
            that there was some obstruction in the pipe.
13:48:32
       11
       12
            buildup of silt and mud over who knows how long a period
13:48:36
13:48:40
       13
            of time, which would, in fact, obstruct the flow of
13:48:43
       14
            water through the structure. The corner of that lot is
            the lowest point of the private property immediately
13:48:45
       15
            adjacent to it, and I believe probably one of the lower
13:48:49
       16
            points in the subdivision itself. So natural run off
13:48:52
       17
            was going to cause water to collect in that corner.
                                                                      Ιf
       18
13:48:56
            it can't get through the pipe, it's going to pond.
       19
13:48:59
       20
                    Incidentally, speaking of ponding, you mentioned
13:49:02
               Q.
       21
            you're familiar with the fact the subdivision itself has
13:49:07
            a drainage plan?
13:49:10
       22
       23
               Α.
                   Yes.
13:49:11
       24
                   There's a design capacity for any drainage plan,
13:49:11
       25
            correct?
13:49:15
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1
                Α.
                    Right.
13:49:15
                    They're not going to design it for a huge
13:49:16
         2
            rainfall; they'll design it for some normal rainfall?
13:49:18
         3
                    That is correct.
               Α.
13:49:22
         4
                    So if one has a big rainfall, one is going to
13:49:22
                Ο.
         5
            have flooding or ponding in the back of that area you've
13:49:27
            talked about, the low spot of the development at 15, 16
        7
13:49:30
            lots -- I'm putting a whole bunch of things in there.
13:49:36
        8
            Are you agreeing with me so far?
13:49:39
        9
13:49:43
        10
                Α.
                    I'm with you so far.
                    And we've had some substantial rains in '06 and
13:49:44
        11
                Ο.
        12
             '07, correct?
13:49:48
13:49:49
        13
               Α.
                    That's correct.
                    Rains that would be far beyond the capacity that
13:49:49
        14
                Ο.
            the drainage system at Cambridge would be designed for?
13:49:52
        15
        16
               Α.
                    That's correct.
13:49:55
                    So without question you would expect and assume
13:49:56
        17
            that there would be ponding in that area even similar to
13:49:58
        18
            what you saw in that one exhibit?
13:50:02
        19
13:50:04
        20
                Α.
                    That could very well be.
                    Okay. And those would be transient after a
        21
13:50:05
                0.
            little while? Day or two or whatever they -- the water
13:50:09
        22
        23
            leaves?
13:50:13
        24
               Α.
                    That's correct.
13:50:14
13:50:23
        25
                Q. You had nothing to do with the planning or
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1
             construction of the water project?
13:50:31
                    That is correct.
         2
                Α.
13:50:33
                    You had nothing to do with approving or
13:50:34
         3
                0.
            disapproving any plans?
13:50:38
         4
                    That is correct.
13:50:40
         5
                Α.
                    You had nothing to do with approving or
13:50:41
         6
             disapproving any plans for the development and
         7
13:50:44
             construction of Cambridge itself?
         8
13:50:47
                    That is correct.
13:50:51
         9
                Α.
13:50:52
        10
                Q.
                    But despite that, it is -- people do --
             developers and contractors do file plans with the
13:50:57
        11
        12
             county?
13:50:59
13:51:00
        13
                Α.
                    They do.
                    And the county expects them to follow those
13:51:00
        14
                Q.
            plans?
13:51:03
        15
13:51:05
                Α.
                    Yes.
        16
                    Now, are you familiar with the drainage plan for
13:51:08
        17
            Cambridge? Would you recognize it if you saw it?
13:51:11
        18
                    I would now.
13:51:16
        19
                Α.
        20
                Q.
                    Because of all this? Well said.
13:51:18
        21
                    Let me show you the drainage plan which is marked
13:51:23
13:51:26
        22
            as --
        23
                          MR. ROBON: Mr. Barrett, what Exhibit
13:51:28
        24
            Number?
13:51:31
13:51:31
        25
                          MR. BAHRET:
                                         F.
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MR. ROBON: Is that the one you took out of
13:51:33
        1
                       Because I don't have it.
        2
            my book?
13:51:35
                         MR. BAHRET: I was an indian giver, Marv.
13:51:41
        3
                         THE COURT: Defendant's Exhibit F?
13:51:44
        4
13:51:47
                         MR. BAHRET: Correct.
        5
            BY MR. BAHRET:
13:51:48
        6
                   You've seen that before?
        7
               Ο.
13:51:48
                   Yes, I have.
13:51:49
        8
               Α.
                    What does the little legend that I pointed out to
13:51:50
        9
               Q.
13:51:54
       10
            you say?
                    The contractor shall clear and grade all the rear
13:51:54
       11
            lot lines for pipes, utilities, and drainage.
13:51:57
13:52:01
       13
               0.
                    So that means the area -- the last 30 feet of the
13:52:06
       14
            development immediately abutting the railroad property,
            if they follow that plan, is going to be stripped?
13:52:11
       15
               Α.
                    I wouldn't say that.
13:52:14
       16
                    It means it has to be cleared?
13:52:16
       17
               0.
                    It doesn't say that. It says for pipes,
       18
               Α.
13:52:19
            utilities, and drainage.
       19
13:52:25
       20
               Q. Let's put this up.
13:52:29
                    It doesn't say for easements.
13:52:30
       21
               Α.
                    Does it say that the contractor shall clear and
13:52:35
       22
               Ο.
       23
            grade all the rear lot lines for pipes, utilities, and
13:52:39
       24
            drainage?
13:52:44
13:52:44
       25
               A. That, it does.
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Ο.
                   Is there a legend on that for what that easement
13:52:45
            is?
        2
13:52:51
                   That, I don't know. I'd have to look at the plan
13:52:51
        3
               Α.
            again.
13:52:54
        4
                   If you don't see it, that's fine?
        5
               Q.
13:54:16
                   I don't see what you're driving at. I see an
13:54:17
        6
            indication that there could be an easement. I see an
        7
13:54:20
            indication there could be an easement on this property,
13:54:23
        8
            but I don't see it spelled out in any particular width.
13:54:26
        9
13:54:29
       10
               Q.
                   I'll ask a different witness that then.
13:54:32
       11
               Α.
                   Okay.
               Q. Would you agree, though, that the property was --
13:54:33
       12
13:54:36
       13
            the intent of that document is that the property would
13:54:40
       14
            need to be cleared all the way to the property line and
            mowed?
13:54:43
       15
       16
                         MR. ROBON: Objection. The document intent
13:54:44
13:54:50
       17
            is --
       18
                         THE COURT: If he can answer, you can go
13:54:51
            ahead.
       19
13:54:54
       20
              Α.
                   I could say that it may have been the intent of
13:54:55
       21
            the consulting firm that did the plans. That's a
13:54:58
            general note. I've seen it before. Whether it was
13:55:02
       22
       23
            actually accomplished, whether the owner told him to do
13:55:05
       24
            it or not, I don't know that.
13:55:08
       25
               Q. That's not what I asked you. I just asked was
13:55:09
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1
            it intended in that drawing, as you read that drawing in
13:55:13
            your capacity as an engineer, that the rear of the lots
13:55:15
            in Cambridge were supposed to be cleared, correct?
13:55:20
        3
               A. No, I can't say that. I know what it says, but I
13:55:21
        4
            can't say that that's the intent.
13:55:26
        5
               Q. All right. Well, at your deposition, again,
13:55:28
        6
            when I asked you: "So that would require the property
        7
13:55:32
            to be cleared all the way to the property line and
13:55:35
        8
            mowed?"
        9
13:55:39
13:55:40
       10
                   Your answer: "That is probably the intent."
                   That word "probably," I'll use it again.
13:55:46
       11
            Probably. But I can't say that it was.
13:55:49
13:55:51
       13
               Q. Then also would you expect that they would, in
13:55:53
       14
            fact, clear this property on the back?
                   That's a fair assumption.
13:55:58
       15
               Α.
               Q. And that's because, as you told us on the day of
13:56:00
       16
13:56:03
       17
            your deposition, you'd have to do it to put in the pipe
            system for their drainage plan?
13:56:10
       18
               A. A portion of it, yes. All of it, I can't say
       19
13:56:13
       20
            that.
13:56:16
       21
                   But that's what you told us then, correct?
13:56:16
               Q.
                   Without the benefit of any numerical values, yes.
13:56:18
               Α.
       23
                   You've never been a consultant for the City of
13:56:40
       24
            Toledo, have you?
13:56:42
              A. No, sir.
       25
13:56:43
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And you've never been retained to be a consultant
13:56:44
            for Old Granite or Cambridge either?
13:56:46
         2
                    No, sir.
13:56:48
         3
               Α.
                    You haven't been asked -- you never did anything
13:56:56
         4
               0.
            to form any opinion as to whether any encroachment
13:56:59
         5
            occurred?
13:57:02
        6
13:57:02
        7
               A. No, sir.
               Q. My guess is, and I think you told us this before,
13:57:05
        8
            your office really wouldn't have jurisdiction in that
        9
13:57:08
13:57:11
       10
            issue anyway?
               Α.
                    That is correct.
13:57:12
       11
                    So you would -- it's not that you didn't do your
13:57:13
       12
13:57:16
       13
            job; it's that isn't part of your job?
13:57:18
       14
               Α.
                    That is correct.
                    Did it appear to you -- if this is repetition,
13:57:24
       15
            Mr. Huber, forgive me. This catch basin or manhole,
13:57:28
       16
13:57:32
       17
            that was in poor repair; was it not?
               A. Yes, sir.
13:57:34
       18
                         MR. ROBON: Objection. Asked and answered.
       19
13:57:35
       20
                         THE COURT: It has. And the answer may
13:57:36
            stand.
                      Try not to repeat things.
13:57:38
       21
                         MR. BAHRET: I will not. I forgot to cross
13:57:44
       22
       23
            it off in my note.
13:57:47
       24
            BY MR. BAHRET:
13:57:48
13:57:48
       25
               Q. Your office didn't go out to assure that the
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1
            plans, including the drainage plan, were complied with,
13:57:52
        2
            did you?
13:57:55
                    The only extent that my office was at that site
13:57:55
        3
               Α.
            was to insure that any of the infrastructure, including
13:57:58
        4
            the road itself, within the public right-of-way was
13:58:03
        5
            installed properly.
13:58:05
        6
                   And so if I'm hearing you right, this is not in
        7
               0.
13:58:07
            the public right-of-way; and therefore, it would not be,
13:58:12
        8
            as you see it, it would not be in the jurisdiction of
        9
13:58:15
13:58:18
       10
            the Wood County engineer?
                    That is correct.
13:58:19
       11
                    Now, the concern -- the meeting was called
13:58:20
       12
13:58:25
       13
            because of express concerns from Mr. Laskey to Mr. Alvie
13:58:31
       14
            Perkins, the commissioner, about the vegetation issue;
13:58:34
            is that right?
       15
                    That was the original intent.
13:58:34
       16
               Α.
13:58:36
       17
               0.
                    All right. And so the vegetation had already
            been cut?
       18
13:58:38
                   No, it had not.
       19
               Α.
13:58:40
       20
                    It had not. So you were out there before there
13:58:41
               Q.
       21
            was any clearing?
13:58:44
                    That is correct.
13:58:46
       22
               Α.
       23
                    And Mr. Laskey was there expressing concern as to
13:58:47
       24
            what they might be doing?
13:58:52
13:58:53
       25
               Α.
                    That's correct.
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So in your mind there's no problem at all; you
13:58:54
        1
            can say affirmatively that Mr. Laskey had notice of this
         2
13:58:56
            project?
13:59:00
         3
               A. Repeat the question, please.
13:59:02
         4
                Q. You know, in fact, you can prove that Mr. Laskey
13:59:03
         5
            and Old Granite knew about this project before it ever
13:59:06
         6
            began because you're there having a meeting before --
        7
13:59:10
                    That's right.
13:59:13
        8
               Α.
                    You can still see train tracks from the Cambridge
13:59:17
        9
                Q.
13:59:21
        10
            property when you were there, correct?
                    That's correct.
13:59:23
        11
               Α.
                Q. You had no problem seeing and hearing a train,
13:59:24
        12
13:59:28
        13
            correct?
                    That's -- I did not see a train that particular
13:59:29
        14
               Α.
13:59:33
        15
            day.
                    That's not because it's invisible or anything;
13:59:33
        16
               0.
13:59:37
        17
            it's in your visit one did not go by?
               Α.
                    No.
13:59:39
        18
                    Had one gone by, you feel confident you would
        19
13:59:39
                Q.
        20
            have both seen it and heard it?
13:59:43
                    Yes, sir.
13:59:44
        21
               Α.
                    And this is before any work had been done?
13:59:47
        22
                0.
        23
                Α.
                    That is correct.
13:59:50
        24
                Q.
                    And in that first meeting Mr. McCarthy was there;
13:59:57
14:00:03
        25
            that would be Jack Mr. McCarthy, correct?
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Yes, he was.
14:00:05
        1
               Α.
                    That first meeting is obviously before the
         2
14:00:06
            crossover pipe had been cut, correct?
14:00:08
        3
               Α.
                    That's correct.
14:00:12
         4
                    That was before the City even knew the crossover
14:00:12
               0.
         5
            pipe was there?
14:00:15
        6
        7
                    That's correct.
14:00:15
               Α.
                    And on that occasion, Mr. McCarthy complained
14:00:18
               0.
        8
14:00:22
            about a water drainage issue in the back corner of the
        9
14:00:25
       10
            property?
                    I don't recall that statement, no.
14:00:26
                         MR. BAHRET: Could I just hand him his --
14:00:36
       12
14:00:38
       13
            refresh his recollection?
14:00:40
       14
                         THE COURT: Yes.
            BY MR. BAHRET:
14:00:40
       15
               Q. Let me just show you this page of your
14:00:40
       16
14:00:43
       17
            transcript. Does that reviewing that page of your
            transcript, does that refresh your recollection?
14:01:02
       18
                    A moment please. All right.
       19
               Α.
14:01:05
                   Refreshed?
       20
               Q.
14:01:21
                    Well, as best as can possibly be done.
14:01:22
       21
               Α.
                    Now, did Mr. McCarthy complain to you when you
14:01:26
       22
               Ο.
       23
            were out there before the project that there -- or maybe
14:01:30
       24
            "complain" is the wrong word. It's the word I used in
14:01:34
14:01:37
       25
            here. But did he at least mention the water problem
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1
            with you?
14:01:40
               A. Probably did. I just don't recall it in that
14:01:40
        2
            detail. If I said it there, I must have said it then.
14:01:43
        3
               Q. It's on that page.
14:01:47
        4
14:01:48
        5
               A. It's on that page?
                         THE COURT: Can we have for the record what
14:01:52
        6
        7
            his answer was at that time?
14:01:56
                        MR. BAHRET: I'm sorry. Do you want me to
14:01:59
        8
            read the whole thing to put it in context.
14:02:06
        9
14:02:10
       10
                         THE COURT: Maybe the witness can paraphrase
            it. Right now there's nothing before the jury what his
14:02:14
       11
       12
            answer was.
14:02:16
14:02:17
       13
            BY MR. BAHRET:
               Q. Would you, reviewing all this -- let me get you
14:02:17
       14
            the page before that to help you put it in context, if
14:02:21
       15
            you need this. Try to paraphrase what that idea is in
14:02:31
       16
14:02:36
       17
            the context of whether Mr. McCarthy was mentioning a
            concern about water in that meeting with you that took
14:02:39
       18
            place before any construction began.
       19
14:02:42
       20
14:03:04
               A. It appears that we were talking about the pipe
            that I had mentioned earlier, one that went under the
       21
14:03:07
            old abandoned railroad. I'm trying to get some idea as
14:03:11
       22
       23
            to terminology to use.
14:03:16
       24
               Q. Would it be fair to summarize it as saying before
14:03:22
14:03:26
       25
            construction began he mentioned an issue with water at
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1 the back corner? 14:03:29 I'm trying to recall two years ago as to what I 14:03:30 2 actually said in the field, but Mr. McCarthy probably 14:03:34 3 did bring up the issue of drainage back there. 14:03:39 4 recall saying -- you know, as I said here, we don't need 14:03:42 5 to go there because I had no information, no data to 14:03:46 6 substantiate anything I could have said at that 14:03:51 7 particular point in time. So in my specific answer to 14:03:54 8 that question was, I really don't know until I've had a 14:03:58 9 chance to evaluate the situation. 14:04:01 10 Is that what it says on this page? 14:04:03 11 0. 12 No, it doesn't say that specifically. 14:04:04 14:04:07 13 said in that deposition is --THE COURT: Let's just read a couple lines 14:04:11 14 of your answer to try to get an idea of what your answer 14:04:13 15 14:04:17 16 was. That's all we're trying to get. THE WITNESS: That's what I'm trying to do. 14:04:19 17 I guess to start off with, "What drainage issues did 18 14:04:22 they want to address?" 14:04:25 19 14:04:27 20 "Well, the whole issue of water on the 21 property here in the back in the low corner right here." 14:04:30 22 And at that particular point in time I think 14:04:34 23 I pointed to a drawing that showed the corner that we 14:04:36 24 were making reference to, if I remember that situation. 14:04:39 14:04:44 25 You have to look at the topographic map to understand

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1
            what I'm talking about. The topographic map shows how
14:04:47
            the land, looking at a plan view, looking down at a
        2
14:04:51
            picture, the lines represent different elevations. And
14:04:54
        3
            at this particular point in time we were looking at, I
14:04:57
        4
            believe, a drainage map or an aerial photograph that
14:05:00
        5
            showed that point where that manhole was at we looked at
14:05:03
        6
            earlier.
        7
14:05:06
                         "Question: Did they have water issues
14:05:07
        8
            there?
14:05:10
        9
14:05:11
       10
                         "They had some water issues down in here."
                         Down in here being at that particular point.
14:05:14
       11
       12
                         THE COURT:
                                      That's enough.
                                                         That gives us
14:05:18
14:05:20
       13
            the gist, I think.
14:05:21
       14
                         THE WITNESS: That's basically it.
                         THE COURT: Thank you.
14:05:22
       15
       16
            BY MR. BAHRET:
14:05:25
                   And importantly, that line, "Before any
14:05:25
       17
            construction"?
14:05:28
       18
       19
               Α.
                  Yes.
14:05:30
       20
               Q. Would you agree in general that River Road in the
14:05:53
       21
            area of this -- I didn't mean to say River Road.
14:05:57
            property near the railroad tracks, the back of Cambridge
14:06:02
       22
       23
            generally runs from the Ford Road direction towards THE
14:06:05
       24
            Bates Road direction?
14:06:09
14:06:11
       25
               A. Generally speaking, yes, I would say that.
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So in general the water from what you saw when
14:06:13
        1
14:06:17
         2
            you were out there and from your review of various topos
            that you said you had, water's going towards that low
14:06:21
         3
            spot?
14:06:25
         4
                    That's correct.
14:06:25
         5
               Α.
                    Towards the area where we see the ponding,
14:06:26
         6
        7
            correct?
14:06:29
        8
                          MR. BAHRET: Can you use a word.
14:06:31
                            That's correct.
14:06:33
        9
               Α.
                    Yes.
14:06:34
        10
                Q.
                    I see you nodding your head, but you've got to
14:06:37
        11
            say something.
        12
               Α.
                    Okay.
14:06:38
14:06:58
        13
                    So far as you know, you never pointed out to
            anybody the annulet for this crossover drainage pipe,
14:07:00
        14
            did you?
14:07:03
        15
14:07:04
               A. No, I did not.
        16
                Q. Does cleaning out a ditch, like if one would fill
14:07:09
        17
            a ditch then dig it out, is it -- would that actually
14:07:13
        18
            improve drainage to dig this ditch out?
        19
14:07:17
14:07:20
        20
               A. Yes, it does.
        21
                    Would you agree that the Cambridge water removal
14:07:31
                Q.
            plan, drainage plan does not rely upon the railroad
14:07:33
        22
            water drainage plan?
        23
14:07:38
        24
               Α.
                   Yes, sir.
14:07:39
14:07:43
        25
                Q. Would you acknowledge, sir, or do you agree that
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1
            Mr. McCarthy was rather insistently on you?
14:07:46
        2
14:07:51
               Α.
                   Oh, yes.
               Q. Was it to the point where you told him to leave
14:07:52
        3
            you alone?
14:07:55
        4
                   It got to that level.
14:07:55
        5
               Α.
                   Would you agree that your opinion as cutting that
14:07:59
        6
            culvert did not alter the drainage from the subdivision?
        7
14:08:04
               A. Repeat the question, please.
14:08:09
        8
                   Do you believe that cutting that crossover drain
14:08:11
        9
               Q.
14:08:14
       10
            pipe altered the drainage from the subdivision?
                         MR. ROBON: Your Honor, I'm going to object
14:08:20
       11
       12
            to that question. I think it's a misleading, unfair
14:08:21
14:08:24
       13
            question.
                         THE COURT: Overruled. He may answer.
14:08:24
       14
                         We're all waiting for each other.
14:08:49
       15
14:08:51
                         If you remember the question, I overruled
       16
            the objection. You may answer.
14:08:54
       17
       18
                         THE WITNESS: Thank you. Thank you.
14:08:56
                   No, I can't say that. I cannot say that.
       19
               Α.
14:08:57
       20
14:09:02
               Q. So you're saying now that you do not have an
       21
            opinion at all as to whether cutting the drainage
14:09:05
            culvert actually, in fact, altered drainage from the
14:09:10
       22
       23
            subdivision?
14:09:13
       24
               A. I can't say that it did.
14:09:14
14:09:17
       25
               Q. Did you have an opinion when I took your
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1
            deposition?
14:09:20
        2
               Α.
                   Oh, probably. I'm sure you're going to show me,
14:09:20
14:09:25
        3
            too.
               Q. Right there. It's the exact same question.
14:09:27
        4
            You were asked: "You have no opinion at all as to
14:09:33
        5
            whether cutting that drainage, the culvert under the
14:09:36
        6
            railroad, actually, in fact, altered drainage from the
        7
14:09:39
            subdivision, do you?"
        8
14:09:43
                    And your answer is at line 13: "As far as I'm
14:09:44
        9
14:09:49
       10
            concerned, it did not."
                   Do you see that?
14:09:51
       11
       12
               A. Yes, I did.
14:09:52
14:09:53
       13
               Q. Was that your opinion back at the time of the
14:09:56
       14
            deposition?
                    That's my opinion at the time of the deposition.
14:09:56
       15
               Α.
               Q. Is it your opinion now?
14:09:58
       16
14:10:01
       17
                    I can say yes with qualifications, if I'm allowed
            to use that word.
14:10:06
       18
                   Go ahead.
               Q.
       19
14:10:10
       20
                    The subdivision was designed to contain its storm
14:10:11
               Α.
       21
            water solely within the boundary of the subdivision.
14:10:15
            In other words, all rain water that falls in that
14:10:19
       22
       23
            subdivision was directed to a storm drainage system that
14:10:22
       24
            directed the water from that subdivision to a storm
14:10:26
14:10:30
       25
            drainage system in State Route 65, and carried it to the
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1
            Maumee River.
14:10:35
        2
                    Water that falls on adjacent property that does
14:10:36
            not have a proper outlet could, in fact, then inundate
14:10:39
        3
            or cause additional waters to be put on the
14:10:44
        4
            subdivision's property, and hence affect the drainage of
14:10:49
        5
            the subdivision itself. I hope I got that through okay.
14:10:52
        6
        7
               Q. Did you complete your answer?
14:11:05
                    That's my answer.
14:11:07
        8
               Α.
                    Sir, let me totally change subjects on you.
14:11:08
        9
               Q.
                                                                      You
14:11:11
       10
            probably wanted me to anyway.
               Α.
14:11:13
       11
                    Sure.
                    When you were out there, the railroad fence was
14:11:14
       12
               Q.
14:11:18
       13
            still intact behind Cambridge; was it not?
                   What was left of it? Yes.
14:11:20
       14
               Α.
                   I mean, you could clearly see a fence line?
14:11:22
       15
               Q.
                    Yes.
14:11:24
       16
               Α.
14:11:26
       17
                    I'm not saying it was in perfect condition, but
            there's a fence line there?
14:11:29
       18
               Α.
                    There was a fence.
       19
14:11:30
       20
                    And you knew it to be a railroad fence?
14:11:31
               Q.
                    Well, now, that, I can't testify to. I know
14:11:33
       21
               Α.
            there was a fence there. That's all that was there.
14:11:36
       22
       23
               Q. Well, you've seen railroad fences, correct?
14:11:38
       24
            they typically use the big beams then have some metal
14:11:42
14:11:46
       25
            meshing that goes between them?
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1
                    That is one kind, yes.
14:11:48
               Α.
14:11:49
        2
               0.
                    And that's what you saw?
                    That's what I saw.
14:11:50
        3
               Α.
                    Now, back to the issue I asked you earlier about
14:11:52
        4
               0.
            did you express an opinion as to which way the water
14:11:56
        5
            would be flowing if it flowed at all? Do you remember
14:11:58
        6
            that discussion?
        7
14:12:02
                    Uh-huh.
        8
               Α.
14:12:03
14:12:05
        9
                         THE COURT: That was a yes?
14:12:06
       10
                         THE WITNESS:
                                         Yes.
14:12:08
       11
                         THE COURT: Thank you.
14:12:10
       12
                         THE WITNESS:
                                         Excuse me.
14:12:15
       13
            BY MR. BAHRET:
                    Was it your understanding, your initial
14:12:15
       14
            impression and belief that the drainage that would occur
14:12:17
       15
       16
            would actually go from the railroad tracks towards the
14:12:21
            Maumee River?
14:12:25
       17
                    That was my first impression, that's correct.
14:12:26
       18
               Α.
                    Okay. All right. I misunderstood your
       19
14:12:29
       20
            testimony earlier then. So the point being when you
14:12:32
            were there examining this pipe, the crossover pipe, you
       21
14:12:34
            believed if it allowed water to flow at all, at least
14:12:39
       22
       23
            your initial impression was that it would be coming from
14:12:44
       24
            the railroad onto private property?
14:12:47
14:12:50
       25
               Α.
                    That is correct.
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1
                   And you even said that opinion to Christy
14:12:51
            Soncrant and the others that were at this meeting,
14:12:55
        2
            correct?
14:12:59
        3
                    I don't recall the statement, but more than
14:13:01
        4
            likely I did.
14:13:03
        5
                    That's two pages later if you need it.
14:13:04
        6
               Ο.
                    I'm sure you're going to point it out to me.
        7
14:13:08
               Α.
                   Now, having heard from the Wood County engineer,
14:13:12
        8
               0.
            the City folks having heard from the Wood County
14:13:20
        9
14:13:23
       10
            engineer that if this thing is moving water at all, it's
            probably making things worse for Cambridge than if it's
14:13:27
       11
       12
            not moving water, would it be reasonable for them to
14:13:30
14:13:33
       13
            think: Cut the pipe?
               A. You'd better try that question again.
14:13:41
       14
                                                               I'm not
            sure how to interpret it.
14:13:45
       15
               Q. All right. You're an engineer, and your job is
14:13:46
       16
            for Wood County. And this project or this portion of
14:13:49
       17
            this project was in Wood County. You're called out
14:13:52
       18
            there to give your opinions on certain subjects.
14:13:56
       19
                                                                   And
14:13:59
       20
            you rendered certain opinions?
14:14:01
       21
                         MR. ROBON: Objection to the use of the word
            "opinions."
14:14:03
       22
       23
                         THE COURT: Overruled.
14:14:04
       24
               Q.
                   You had opinions, and you spoke, correct?
14:14:08
14:14:10
       25
               Α.
                    I had an opinion at that point, yes.
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1
                   And the opinion that you rendered at that time
14:14:14
            was that this crossover pipe, if it even works, is
        2
14:14:16
            making things worse for Cambridge than if it simply was
14:14:20
        3
            plugged because the water's going that direction?
14:14:27
        4
                    That would be a logical statement to make at this
14:14:33
        5
               Α.
            time.
                    With that opinion still paramount in my mind,
14:14:36
        6
            not knowing exactly which way it goes, but that's what I
        7
14:14:43
            thought.
14:14:46
        8
                    In hindsight I think you came to a different
14:14:46
        9
               0.
14:14:49
       10
            opinion?
14:14:49
       11
               Α.
                   That's exactly correct.
               Q.
                   Just so the jury knows that.
14:14:51
       12
14:14:53
       13
                    But at least as of the time of your meeting with
14:14:56
       14
            the City -- because there wasn't a subsequent meeting,
            was there? You only met with them one time?
14:14:58
       15
               Α.
                    I was there one time then I met with Christy
14:15:01
       16
            about a month later.
14:15:04
       17
               Q. But the meeting when you're talking about the
14:15:05
       18
            pipe with Christy, that was only one meeting?
       19
14:15:07
       20
               Α.
                    That was one meeting.
14:15:09
       21
                   And at that meeting you told Christy, and there
14:15:11
               0.
            were other people there too, I believe, but you told
14:15:13
       22
       23
            them that I think the water is moving towards the
14:15:16
       24
            subdivision?
14:15:19
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A. That was probably a fair statement at that time.

14:15:22

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Ο.
                    In other words, railroad water is getting over
14:15:24
        2
            here?
14:15:26
14:15:27
        3
               Α.
                    That's correct.
               Q. Did you ever call Christy and tell her you had
14:15:29
        4
            come to a different opinion?
        5
14:12:12
               A. No, because it was about a year later that I
14:12:12
        6
            finally found out the way it really worked.
        7
14:12:14
        8
                         MR. BAHRET: Okay. Thank you, sir.
14:12:16
                         THE COURT: Any redirect? You may inquire.
14:12:36
        9
14:18:38
       10
                         MR. ROBON: Thank you.
14:18:41
       11
       12
                          RAY HUBER, REDIRECT EXAMINATION
14:18:41
14:18:42
       13
            BY MR. ROBON:
               Q. Mr. Huber, when you gave the B & O, which is now
14:18:42
       14
            CSX, the plan showing the crossover pipe which is
14:18:47
       15
            identified as Exhibit 45, were you aware at that point
14:18:51
       16
14:18:56
       17
            in time that the water drained away from the Cambridge
            subdivision underneath the railroad track into the
14:19:01
       18
            railroad ditch?
       19
14:19:05
       20
               Α.
                   No.
14:19:05
       21
               Q. When you found out, did you inform Mrs. Soncrant?
14:19:07
                   No, I did not. It was too late.
14:19:12
       22
               Α.
       23
               Q. It was too late? What should she have done?
14:19:15
       24
            What should the City have done when they encountered
14:19:20
       25
            that pipe?
14:19:24
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MR. BAHRET: Objection.
14:19:25
        1
        2
                         MR. ROBON: Let me rephrase the question.
14:19:29
            BY MR. ROBON:
14:19:31
        3
               Q. Wouldn't the logical thing to do is do a dye test
14:19:31
        4
            where you pour a can of dye into the water?
14:19:35
        5
                         MR. BAHRET: I object. This is still his
14:19:38
        6
        7
            witness. He can't lead.
14:19:39
                         THE COURT: Let's try one more time.
14:19:40
        8
            BY MR. ROBON:
        9
14:19:47
14:19:47
       10
               Q. Would you tell the jury ways that you can test
            the flows of water?
14:19:49
       11
       12
               A. You put dye in the water to determine which
14:19:51
            direction it flows.
14:19:53
       13
               Q. Could the City have done that?
14:19:56
       14
                   We do it in the county.
14:20:02
       15
               Α.
               0.
                   Common practice?
14:20:05
       16
14:20:07
       17
               Α.
                   Yes.
                           Yes.
                   And what's the expense of a dye test?
14:20:15
       18
               Q.
                   Minuscule.
       19
               Α.
14:20:18
       20
               Q. Wouldn't there typically be an engineering study
14:20:27
       21
            done with a dye test and other things to be certain
14:20:29
            they're not causing a problem or in particular with a
14:20:33
       22
       23
            pipe that's two feet in diameter?
14:20:36
       24
                         MR. BAHRET: Your Honor, I'm not sure
14:20:38
       25
            counsel knows how to ask a question that isn't leading.
14:20:39
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MR. ROBON: I'll rephrase it.
14:20:42
        1
            BY MR. ROBON:
14:20:47
        2
                   What's the purpose of a drainage study?
14:20:47
        3
               Ο.
                    To try to evaluate all drainage structures in the
14:20:51
        4
               Α.
            immediate area of the project.
14:20:55
        5
               0.
                    Is that common in the industry?
14:20:56
        6
                   Yes, it is.
        7
14:20:58
               Α.
                   And when you indicated that you're out there and
14:21:04
        8
               0.
            the land wasn't cleared yet, and you met with Mr.
14:21:10
        9
14:21:13
       10
            Perkins and Mr. Laskey, do you remember that?
               Α.
14:21:16
       11
                   Yes.
                    The trees were cut, but they were piled up and
14:21:16
       12
14:21:20
       13
            all the brush --
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
14:21:21
       14
               Q. -- was laying around? That's why they called you
14:21:22
       15
            out?
14:21:25
       16
                         THE COURT: Well, there's an objection, and
14:21:25
       17
            we are leading. A little leading is okay, but a lot of
14:21:28
       18
            leading is not.
       19
14:21:31
       20
14:21:32
            BY MR. ROBON:
       21
                   Mr. Huber, you do recall the time that you went
14:21:32
               Q.
            out there with Alvie Perkins, the county commissioner?
14:21:36
       23
               Α.
                    Yes.
14:21:40
       24
               Q. When you went to the site, can you describe what
14:21:41
       25
            you saw behind Lot 15? And tell us when it was.
                                                                   Was it
14:21:44
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1
            in May?
14:21:51
                    It was May of 2006, two years ago this month.
14:21:52
        2
               Α.
14:21:56
        3
               Q.
                    Okay.
                    There was a lot of rough vegetation, some trees.
14:21:57
        4
               Α.
            I did not count the trees, but there were some oak trees
14:22:02
        5
            and some other kinds of trees there, a lot of scrub
14:22:05
        6
            brush, wild grape, wildflower rose, which is a thorny
        7
14:22:10
            bush growing along there, typical fence row vegetation.
14:22:14
        8
                    And you're sure it was in May?
14:22:20
        9
               Q.
               Α.
14:22:25
       10
                    This was in May.
                    If I informed you that other witnesses will
14:22:26
       11
               0.
       12
            testify that the clearing took place in April, would
14:22:29
14:22:33
       13
            your opinion change, or that's still your recollection?
                    It would not change a word.
14:22:36
       14
               Α.
                    Did you see trees on the ground?
14:22:40
       15
               Ο.
                    There may have been a few trees laying on the
14:22:42
       16
               Α.
14:22:45
       17
            ground.
                       I don't know whose trees they were, though.
                    What did Alvie Perkins indicate to you the
14:22:50
       18
               0.
            purpose of your going out to this property was?
14:22:54
       19
14:22:57
       20
               Α.
                    To visit a friend of his.
14:23:01
        21
                    What was the purpose?
               Q.
                    To look at this property, to -- before
14:23:03
       22
       23
            construction began, to see if there's anything the
14:23:07
       24
            county might be able to do. I don't know the real
14:23:11
14:23:14
       25
            intent. Mr. Perkins simply called me on the phone;
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1
            said, Ray, can you go with me to see a constituent.
                                                                      Ι
14:23:17
14:23:21
        2
            said, Yes, sir, we can.
               Q. What did you and Mr. Perkins do, if anything?
14:23:22
        3
               A. Went out; met Mr. McCarthy's son, John McCarthy's
14:23:25
        4
            son; met Mr. McCarthy; met Mr. Laskey; had a cup of
14:23:30
        5
            coffee in the family room; looked out the window, saw
14:23:35
        6
            what I call, quote, "green fence," that is, the
        7
14:23:38
        8
            vegetation screening that was there. We walked the
14:23:41
            property afterwards, actually walked up onto the old
14:23:44
        9
       10
14:23:48
            abandoned railroad bed. This is long before
            construction got there. And that's when I happened to
14:23:50
       11
       12
            notice that catch basin that started the whole different
14:23:53
14:23:58
       13
            scenario that we're here talking about today.
            not the original intent to go looking for drainage.
14:24:01
       14
               Q. But I got the impression from your testimony that
14:24:04
       15
       16
            there was some concern about what was going to happen.
14:24:08
14:24:11
       17
            Did you or Mr. Perkins contact the City or do any -- can
       18
            you tell the jury what you did?
14:24:15
               A. Got the hell out of there.
14:24:17
       19
14:24:20
       20
                         THE WITNESS: Excuse me, Your Honor.
14:24:21
       21
               Q.
                   That's all you did?
       22
                         THE COURT: You didn't get out soon enough,
14:24:25
       23
            obviously.
14:24:29
       24
                         THE WITNESS: You're right. That's exactly
14:24:30
            right.
14:24:31
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It was all on private property. I told Mr.
14:24:31
        1
            Perkins, we have no business being here.
        2
14:24:34
               Q. Can you tell the jury the cost of an engineering
14:24:59
        3
            study or the dye test, drainage study?
14:25:03
        4
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection. Asked and answered.
14:25:06
        5
                         MR. ROBON: Drainage study.
14:25:09
        6
        7
                         THE COURT: I'm sorry, drainage study?
14:25:10
                         MR. BAHRET: I thought he said dye test.
14:25:12
        8
                         MR. ROBON: And/or dye test.
14:25:14
        9
14:25:15
       10
                         THE COURT: Let's just focus it on a
            drainage study.
14:25:18
       11
            BY MR. ROBON:
       12
14:25:19
14:25:19
       13
               0.
                   Drainage study, a ballpark range?
                   To what extent?
14:25:22
       14
               Α.
                   Just to find out where that 24-inch diameter pipe
14:25:23
       15
               0.
            flowed? How long would it take an engineer to figure
14:25:27
       16
            it out on-site?
14:25:32
       17
                   Well, I'm going to be very vague in that answer
14:25:34
       18
            because a lot depends on whether there's water flowing
       19
14:25:37
       20
            or not flowing. On a warm summer day, water could be
14:25:41
       21
            very stagnant. You could wait there for days for
14:25:45
            anything to happen. Put the dye in the water when
14:25:48
       22
       23
            there's a rain storm or something going on, it could go
14:25:51
       24
            a few hours or an hour or less or a few hours, depends
14:25:54
       25
            upon the length of the run. But a consultant is going
14:25:58
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1
            to charge you on a per-hour basis, and you're probably
14:26:02
            going to be looking at anywhere from $80 to $100 an hour
14:26:05
            to accomplish that feat.
14:26:10
        3
               Q. Could be done in day, sometimes more?
14:26:11
        4
                   It could be done in a day sometimes. I've done
14:26:13
        5
            it in less time than that. Other times we've seen it
14:26:17
            just sit there; water is not flowing.
14:26:20
        7
               Q. Even if that manhole was 40, 50, 60, 70 years
14:26:35
        8
            old, how long do drains physically sometimes provide
14:26:42
        9
            outlets, drainage, like farm tiles?
14:26:49
       10
               A. Well, here we go again. Difficult question
14:26:57
       11
       12
            because there were so many variables. But 20, 30 years
14:27:02
14:27:07
       13
            would be something, like a farm tile, four inch, six
14:27:12
       14
            inch diameter tile. A bigger tile like this one, 24
            inch, half full of silt still may cause the water to
14:27:16
       15
14:27:22
       16
            flow.
               Q. Would you indicate to the jury when this problem
14:27:22
       17
            was encountered, was the cure a lot easier simply to put
14:27:26
       18
            the 60-some inch pipe underneath it? It would have been
       19
14:27:32
       20
            a lot less expensive than curing it today?
14:27:39
       21
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
14:27:42
                         THE COURT: Sustained.
14:27:43
       22
       23
            BY MR. ROBON:
14:27:44
       24
               Q. Would you indicate how a cure could have been
14:27:44
14:27:50
       25
            implemented at the time the drainage pipe was cut?
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MR. BAHRET: Your Honor, I'm going to
14:27:56
        1
            object. This is outside of this man's expertise, and
14:27:57
        2
            it's not fair to put these questions to him.
14:28:00
        3
            never installed a pipe --
14:28:04
        4
                         THE COURT: Well, I'll defer to the witness
14:28:09
        5
        6
            on how comfortable he feels to answer the question.
14:28:11
                                                                      Ιf
            he feels he can't, he can say so.
        7
14:28:14
                   I would go back to my original statement that one
14:28:16
        8
               Α.
            of the possible solutions would have been a pump station
14:28:19
        9
14:28:23
       10
            to lift the water over the top of the waterline and
            discharge it back into the ditch where we found out that
14:28:27
       11
       12
            it actually goes. That would have been a solution, not
14:28:31
14:28:35
       13
            the only solution, but one of the solutions.
                   What other solution could there have been at the
14:28:37
       14
               Ο.
            time?
14:28:41
       15
                   Tried to direct it in a different direction,
14:28:41
       16
               Α.
            maybe tie it into the Cambridge subdivision drainage
14:28:44
       17
                       I don't know if that was even feasible or not.
       18
            system.
14:28:47
            But that would have been something we would have
14:28:50
       19
       20
14:28:53
            probably looked at. We probably would have looked at
       21
            running a lane along the railroad out to Bates Road to
14:28:56
            see if there was anything out at Bates Road that might
14:28:59
       22
       23
            be able to pick it up and direct it to the Maumee River.
14:29:02
       24
            There were a number of options that were open.
                                                                That's
14:29:06
14:29:08
       25
            all I can say.
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1
                    To your knowledge, none of those occurred?
14:29:08
                0.
                    To my knowledge, none of them occurred.
         2
14:29:11
                          MR. ROBON: No further questions.
14:29:14
         3
                          MR. BAHRET: Just very briefly a couple.
14:29:15
         4
14:29:19
         5
                           RAY HUBER, RECROSS-EXAMINATION
14:29:19
         6
            BY MR. BAHRET:
        7
14:29:21
                Q. When you were out there in May, and Mr. Robon
14:29:21
         8
            said that's after the clearing was done supposedly, you
14:29:23
        9
14:29:26
        10
            still saw this green barrier?
14:29:29
        11
                Α.
                   Right.
                Q. Despite the barrier, you could still see a train
14:29:31
14:29:34
        13
            if a train went by?
14:29:36
        14
                Α.
                    Yes, you could.
                    In fact, you walked through that green barrier
14:29:37
        15
            back there in the area where you saw the ponding in that
14:29:39
        16
14:29:42
        17
            picture?
                    That's correct.
                Α.
14:29:43
        18
                              That same area, you walked through there
        19
                    Right.
14:29:43
                Q.
        20
            and got all scratched up?
14:29:46
        21
                Α.
                   Yep.
14:29:47
                    Including your suit?
14:29:48
        22
                Ο.
        23
                Α.
                    That's right.
14:29:49
        24
                Q. You haven't been there to see why or how or who
14:29:51
14:29:55
        25
            removed all that stuff, have you?
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1
               Α.
                    No.
14:29:57
                    To the manhole, there was -- when you looked into
14:30:02
            it, there was no water in it going in or out, correct?
14:30:08
        3
               Α.
                    That's correct.
14:30:10
        4
                    So if one were going to do a water test, one
14:30:11
         5
               0.
            would find out nothing?
14:30:15
                    That's correct.
        7
14:30:16
               Α.
        8
                         MR. BAHRET: Thank you.
14:30:20
                         THE COURT: You may step down. Thank you.
14:30:20
        9
14:30:24
       10
                         MR. BAHRET: Thank you.
                         THE COURT: I hope your next visit to our
14:30:25
       11
            county is enjoyable.
14:30:27
14:30:41
       13
                         Do you need a break?
                         MR. DAVIS: Could I just have a quick break?
14:30:45
       14
                         THE COURT: A quick ten minute break.
14:30:47
       15
            Remember the rules. Court's in recess.
14:30:49
       16
                          (Recess taken.)
14:43:50
       17
                          (The witness was sworn by the clerk.)
14:44:38
       18
                         THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, the
       19
14:44:38
14:44:39
       20
            plaintiff has called their next witness. He has been
       21
            sworn.
14:44:43
14:44:43
       22
       23
                            NICK NIGH, DIRECT EXAMINATION
14:44:43
14:44:43
       24
            BY MR. ROBON:
               Q. Mr. Nigh, would you introduce yourself to the
14:44:46
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1
                     Tell the jury where you live and what you do for
14:44:48
            jury.
         2
            a living.
14:44:50
               A. My name is Nick Edwin Nigh. I live at 7300
14:44:51
         3
            Township Road 136, Findlay, Ohio. I'm a registered
14:44:55
        4
14:45:00
         5
            surveyor.
                    Are you employed with a particular company?
14:45:00
         6
        7
                    I'm a principal owner of Peterman Associates,
14:45:02
            Incorporated.
14:45:05
        8
                    And would you explain to the jury what Peterman &
14:45:06
        9
14:45:10
       10
            Associates does?
                    My function at Peterman Associates is basically
14:45:13
       11
       12
            in the land survey department. We do land surveys,
14:45:18
14:45:21
       13
            subdivision plats, also do construction layout staking
            for subdivisions and major roadways.
14:45:26
       14
                   And throughout northwest Ohio?
14:45:29
       15
               0.
                    Throughout all of Ohio.
14:45:31
       16
               Α.
14:45:33
       17
               Ο.
                    And what's your educational background?
                    I spent a year at Ohio State University, and at
14:45:36
       18
               Α.
            that point in time I did quit school and went on to get
       19
14:45:40
       20
            my license through a time period thing that was allowed
14:45:44
            at that time in the State of Ohio.
14:45:49
        21
14:45:51
       22
               0.
                    An apprentice-type thing?
       23
                    Yes.
14:45:53
               Α.
       24
                    How long have you been a registered surveyor?
14:45:54
               Q.
                    Since 1992.
14:45:56
       25
               Α.
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Could you give the jury a rough guesstimate of 14:45:58 1 the number of surveys that you've done in your lifetime? 14:46:02 2 Probably somewhere in the neighborhood of 20,000. 14:46:05 3 Α. My understanding is that your firm worked on the 14:46:16 4 Ο. Cambridge subdivision when it was built in 2001? 14:46:21 5 Α. That's correct. 14:46:26 6 And when I say worked on, would you explain to 7 Ο. 14:46:27 the jury what an engineer and surveyor does when a 14:46:31 8 subdivision is designed and built? 14:46:36 9 14:46:38 10 Originally we go in with a bare piece of ground. We'll do what's called a topographic survey and a 14:46:42 11 12 boundary survey. At that point in time we establish 14:46:46 14:46:48 13 the boundary lines of the property to be subdivided. 14:46:52 14 Then we'll do a topographic survey which shows what the existing contour or ground elevations are at that time. 14:46:55 15 16 That is the information that you use to design the 14:47:00 14:47:03 17 subdivision by. And you prepare plans for the county, I'm 14:47:05 18 19 assuming? 14:47:13 14:47:14 20 Α. The engineering department does prepare the plans for the developer, which is then usually approved and 21 14:47:16 reviewed by the county or cities, the government 14:47:20 22 23 agencies responsible for that. 14:47:22 24 And in this case the plans that your firm drew 14:47:25

were implemented and the construction was completed on

14:47:29

25

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the Cambridge subdivision?
        1
14:47:33
        2
               Α.
                    Yes.
14:47:34
                    And you heard nothing more until sometime in the
14:47:34
        3
               0.
            spring of 2006 about the Cambridge subdivision, correct?
14:47:39
        4
                    That's correct.
14:47:43
        5
               Α.
                    Would you tell the jury what you learned in
14:47:44
        6
            spring of 2006, what occurred?
        7
14:47:48
                    In the spring of 2006, it was sometime in April,
14:47:51
        8
               Α.
            I got a phone call from John McCarthy. At that point
14:47:55
        9
14:47:59
       10
            in time pretty much saying he had a problem, didn't
            really go into what the details were, but asked me to
14:48:02
       12
            flag up the southeast corner and the southwest corner of
14:48:05
14:48:10
       13
            the subdivision.
               Q. And when you say flag up, what does that mean to
14:48:11
       14
            the jury?
14:48:13
       15
                    Mark the corners so that they're visible to see
14:48:14
       16
               Α.
            what the boundary limits are.
14:48:18
       17
                    And were there boundary monuments already
14:48:20
       18
               0.
            existing on the corners?
       19
14:48:24
14:48:26
       20
               Α.
                    Yes.
                    And all you did was put a stick and a flag on
14:48:27
       21
               Q.
            them?
14:48:30
       22
       23
               Α.
                    That's correct.
14:48:30
       24
               Q.
                    And what could you observe visually looking from
14:48:31
14:48:36
       25
            one corner to the other around the rear of the Cambridge
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subdivision?
        1
14:48:40
                    I didn't observe anything. I wasn't there.
14:48:40
        2
               Α.
                   One of your people did it?
14:48:43
        3
               Q.
                    That's correct.
14:48:45
        4
               Α.
                   And did they leave notes on what they observed?
14:48:46
               Q.
        5
                   Not at that time.
                                         That was pretty much just a
14:48:50
        6
            quick in and out, flag two corners up and be gone.
        7
14:48:53
               Q. What did you then do later?
14:48:57
        8
14:49:01
                   Later probably sometime, I'm going to guess
        9
               Α.
14:49:06
       10
            around the end of August, we got another call asking to
            go in and locate some trees and roots that had been cut.
14:49:11
       11
               Q. And did you do that?
14:49:16
       12
14:49:18
       13
                   Yes, I sent a crew out. And on that trip,
            because of the nature of the problem, I also visited the
14:49:22
       14
            site, actually a couple days before the crew did so I
14:49:27
       15
            could see what was needed or what they were actually
14:49:31
       16
14:49:34
       17
            after.
                   And can you tell me what you observed and what
14:49:35
       18
               0.
            your crew observed?
       19
14:49:38
       20
                    At that point in time there was -- several trees
14:49:40
               Α.
            had been cut down, and you could see a bunch of plant
14:49:43
       21
            roots that had been cut off in the ground.
14:49:46
       22
       23
               Q.
                   Like brambles or brush?
14:49:49
       24
               Α.
                   That's what they're calling them, brambles.
14:49:53
14:49:56
       25
               Q. Can you describe how thick the stumps were?
                                                                     Ι
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1
            mean, were they spread out or --
14:50:01
        2
                   The tree stumps themselves were spread out over a
14:50:02
            pretty good area. Over 900 feet you might say that
14:50:07
        3
            there was seven or eight, maybe a dozen, I can't
14:50:10
        4
            remember, something like that, but they were spread out.
14:50:13
        5
                   The trees were spread out?
14:50:16
        6
        7
                   That's correct. The bramble roots, they were
14:50:19
               Α.
            all over the place. There were so many that on that
14:50:21
        8
            first trip I didn't even tell the survey crew to
        9
14:50:24
14:50:28
       10
            possibly locate all of them. I just asked them to
            locate areas of them.
14:50:31
       11
               Q. And were you locating -- what areas were you
14:50:34
       12
14:50:38
       13
            locating the brambles, on the railroad property or the
14:50:41
       14
            subdivision property?
                   They were probably, I would say, on both sides of
14:50:44
       15
            the line at that time. We were just -- our primary
14:50:48
       16
14:50:52
       17
            concern was what was on the subdivision property.
                   Okay. And did you find that there were cuttings
14:50:55
       18
               Ο.
            on the subdivision property?
       19
14:50:57
       20
               Α.
                   Yes.
14:50:59
                   Recent cuttings? I mean, like, within the last
14:51:02
       21
               Q.
            three, four months?
14:51:06
       22
       23
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
14:51:08
       24
                         THE COURT: Overruled. You may answer.
14:51:10
       25
               Α.
                   I mean, yeah, you could tell that they had been
14:51:12
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1
            cut recently. I couldn't tell within three or four
14:51:15
            months, but within a year, I would say. They weren't
        2
14:51:18
            aged or rotten; let's put that it way.
14:51:21
        3
               Q. And how far into the Cambridge subdivision did
14:51:24
        4
            you find cuttings?
        5
14:51:27
                   About six to seven feet, maybe eight feet,
14:51:29
        6
            somewhere in there.
        7
14:51:33
               Q. And could you tell from the cuttings that were
14:51:34
        8
            left how big the actual brambles or the brush could have
14:51:38
        9
14:51:44
       10
            been?
14:51:44
       11
               A. I couldn't, no.
       12
                         MR. ROBON: Judge, could I have him come
14:51:47
14:51:49
       13
            over here and point the survey out for the jury.
14:51:51
       14
                         THE COURT: Sure.
                         MR. ROBON: Can you all see that?
14:52:02
       15
            BY MR. ROBON:
14:52:07
       16
14:52:07
       17
               Q. Would you describe for the jury -- this is lot
            15; this is where the house is. Describe for the
14:52:10
       18
            jury -- is that working?
       19
14:52:25
       20
                         THE COURT: Yes, but I need to see you for a
14:52:28
       21
            moment.
14:52:31
                         (Discussion had off the record.)
14:52:35
       22
       23
               Q. Would you describe for the jury what this print,
14:52:47
       24
            which is Exhibit Number 7, depicts?
14:52:50
14:52:55
       25
               A. This depicts the south line of the subdivision or
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1
            the southern area of the subdivision along with what
14:52:57
            would be the north rail of the railroad track.
        2
14:53:02
                         MR. BAHRET: Marv, I don't know where else
14:53:06
        3
            to put it, but I can tell you half the jury can't see
14:53:08
        4
            this, and I can't see it either.
14:53:11
        5
                         MR. ROBON: How about like this?
14:53:21
        6
        7
                         THE WITNESS: Now I can't see it.
14:53:26
            BY MR. ROBON:
        8
14:53:33
               Q. You use the little pointer. And tell the jury,
14:53:33
        9
14:53:37
       10
            where's the property line on the back of the Cambridge
            subdivision?
14:53:39
       11
       12
               A. This line right here, along with that orange
14:53:40
            southern line is the line of the subdivision.
14:53:50
       13
14:53:55
       14
               Q. And there are markings that are -- I guess that
            would be north, the curlycues here?
14:53:58
       15
               A. Yes, those curlycues represent an area of brushy
14:54:04
       16
14:54:09
       17
            area.
                   With the brambles?
       18
               Q.
14:54:10
               A. That's part of it, yes. But I think that area
       19
14:54:13
            there depicts there may have still been some brush and
       20
14:54:16
            so forth remaining. As a matter of fact, you can see
       21
14:54:19
            right there. I know it's probably hard for you guys to
14:54:23
       23
            read, but it does say "brush area." This area right
14:54:26
       24
            here is the area that was mainly disturbed where it was
14:54:29
       25
            just wide open.
14:54:32
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When you say disturbed and wide open, you mean it
14:54:33
            was clear cut?
        2
14:54:36
                   Yeah. I mean there wasn't anything left in that
14:54:37
        3
               Α.
14:54:39
        4
            area.
        5
               Q.
                   Except the --
14:54:40
                   -- the brambles and the tree stumps.
14:54:42
        6
               Α.
        7
                   The remnants of the stumps?
14:54:44
               Ο.
                   Correct.
14:54:46
        8
               Α.
                    And how far -- how can the jury tell how far into
        9
14:54:46
               Q.
14:54:51
       10
            the subdivision those encroachments occurred?
                    This orange shaded area is the area that we are
14:54:54
       11
            talking about the encroachment area.
14:54:59
14:55:02
       13
               Q. And you said up to six feet?
14:55:04
       14
               A. Yeah, it's about six or seven feet.
                         THE JUROR: Could you pass that back here?
14:55:10
       15
                         MR. ROBON:
                                     Sure.
14:55:13
       16
                         THE JUROR: So the dark black line is the
14:55:22
       17
            Cambridge subdivision?
14:55:25
       18
                         THE COURT: Time out. I'm sorry, jurors.
       19
14:55:26
       20
                         THE JUROR: I can't understand this.
14:55:29
       21
                         THE COURT: Well, that's the lawyers' job to
14:55:31
            help you understand that. I appreciate that --
14:55:32
       22
       23
                         MR. ROBON: Your Honor, can I show the
14:55:39
       24
            second row of the jury since it's light coloring and
14:55:40
       25
            it's very difficult to see.
14:55:44
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THE COURT: Sure. If they haven't seen it,
14:55:45
        1
            you can pass it through the jury box without objection.
        2
14:55:47
                         MR. ROBON: Can the witness point out some
14:55:51
        3
            things on it?
14:55:53
        4
14:55:54
        5
                         THE COURT: New things or --
                         MR. ROBON: Things he's already talked about
14:55:56
        6
            to the second row.
        7
14:55:59
        8
                         THE COURT: Was the second row unable to see
14:56:00
            during the presentation?
14:56:02
        9
14:56:05
       10
                         THE JUROR:
                                     Yes.
                         THE JUROR: It's very fine.
14:56:06
       11
                         THE COURT: Yes, it is very fine.
       12
14:56:07
14:56:09
       13
            noticed that the very first time it was used.
14:56:12
       14
                         MR. ROBON: Would you stand over here and
            point out to the jurors what you were showing here in
14:56:14
       15
            the first row?
       16
14:56:17
14:56:23
       17
                         THE JUROR:
                                      That black line right there
            represents the property line. So that line coming
       18
14:56:26
            right through there, that's the south line of the
       19
14:56:30
       20
            Cambridge subdivision or the north line of the railroad.
14:56:33
       21
            The area that we're talking about that's been disturbed
14:56:36
       22
            is that area in orange with all those little dots right
14:56:38
       23
            there.
14:56:41
       24
            BY MR. ROBON:
14:56:55
14:56:56
       25
               Q. Now, on this diagram, Mr. Nigh, there are some
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1
            trees that are marked. I assume it says "stump."
14:56:59
                                                                     That
            means it was cut?
        2
14:57:04
                    There's a symbol right there. It's a tree stump
14:57:06
        3
               Α.
            that we've called -- that's just a typical designation
14:57:09
        4
            for a stump by the figure that's been drawn. Along with
14:57:14
        5
            that are the sizes.
14:57:16
        6
        7
               Q. And are the brambles so numerous that you didn't
14:57:19
            count them?
14:57:23
        8
                    That's correct.
        9
               Α.
14:57:23
14:57:24
       10
               Q.
                    And when I say numerous, would you estimate
            towards the back of that subdivision how many were cut?
14:57:29
       11
       12
               Α.
                    Thousands.
14:57:33
14:57:33
       13
               Ο.
                    Thousands?
14:57:51
       14
                         MR. ROBON: Take a seat.
                    And when we say thousands, you're referring to
14:57:53
       15
            thousands on the Cambridge property?
14:57:57
       16
14:57:59
       17
               Α.
                    Yes.
                    Now, this is Exhibit Number 41.
                                                         This is a
14:58:01
       18
               Ο.
            corner monument on the Cambridge subdivision?
       19
14:58:12
       20
               Α.
                    Yes.
14:58:15
               Q. And is that the kind of flagging that you talked
14:58:16
       21
            about, you told your crew to do the first time?
14:58:19
       22
       23
               A. Yes.
14:58:21
       24
               Q. And would you explain -- I need my little
14:58:31
       25
            thing -- in the surveying world, what is this thing
14:58:38
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What is this called?
        1
            here?
14:58:46
                    That's referred to as a concrete monument.
        2
               Α.
14:58:48
            That's about the most permanent structure that we can
14:58:51
        3
            place that will be preserved over time.
14:58:53
        4
                   And how deep is the concrete?
        5
               Q.
14:58:56
                   Three feet.
14:58:58
        6
               Α.
                   So it's supposed to last 100 years or longer?
        7
14:58:59
               Ο.
                   That's the intent, sure.
14:59:03
        8
               Α.
                   And when you put that monument there, did you
14:59:05
        9
               Q.
14:59:09
       10
            look at that monument in comparison to where the
            railroad fence was?
14:59:13
       11
               A. Again, I didn't place the monument. So no, not
14:59:14
       12
14:59:19
       13
            me personally.
               Q. When you were out there and you did Exhibit
       14
14:59:21
            Number 7, did you come to a conclusion or opinion about
14:59:26
       15
            any trespass?
14:59:32
       16
               A. Well, yeah. I mean, that's what the drawing
14:59:35
       17
            indicates, yes.
       18
14:59:38
               Q. But tell the jury, based upon a reasonable degree
       19
14:59:40
       20
            of surveying certainty, what your opinions -- what did
14:59:42
       21
            you derive from completing that survey?
14:59:46
                    That somebody had cut trees and bramble roots or
14:59:48
       23
            brambles down to the roots on that property.
14:59:57
               Q. And thousands of brambles?
       24
15:00:01
15:00:04
       25
               Α.
                   Yeah.
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And I'm going to mark Exhibit 92.
                                                            Is that the
15:00:09
        1
            type of cuttings or the cuttings that you actually saw
         2
15:00:21
            when you were out at the site?
15:00:25
        3
                           Those would be the tree cuttings that I'm
15:00:27
         4
               Α.
                    Yes.
15:00:33
            thinking of. Those probably we would have identified
         5
            as trees stumps.
15:00:37
         6
        7
                    And the bigger one in the center is probably
15:00:38
               Ο.
            what, eight or ten inches?
15:00:42
        8
                    Probably six to eight inches, I'd say.
15:00:44
        9
               Α.
15:00:48
       10
               Q.
                    And do you see the red line that is on the bottom
            there?
15:00:56
       11
       12
               Α.
                    Yes.
15:00:57
15:00:57
       13
                    Was that superimposed by you or Mr. McCarthy to
15:01:03
       14
            show the property line?
                    It was not done by me.
15:01:04
       15
               Α.
                    And if the monument is determined to be closer to
15:01:35
       16
               0.
15:01:49
       17
            the railroad than the railroad fence, which would be
            more accurate for the boundary line, the railroad fence
15:01:52
       18
       19
            or your monument?
15:01:56
       20
               Α.
                    Well, the monument would be because that's where
15:01:58
            we determined the line to be.
15:02:01
        21
                    So that's the guiding line?
15:02:03
       22
               Ο.
       23
               Α.
                    Yes.
15:02:05
       24
                    I'm going to hand you Plaintiff's Exhibit 8.
                                                                        Ιs
15:02:44
15:02:48
       25
            this an accurate layout that your firm prepared of the
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1
            Cambridge subdivision?
15:02:51
                    It is -- this is a drawing or a drawing that we
15:02:57
        2
            would have prepared for sales purposes. I wouldn't
15:03:01
        3
            call it an accurate drawing. The reason I say that is
15:03:08
        4
            you'll see that there's plus or minus depictions.
15:03:10
         5
            is for sales purposes only.
15:03:14
        6
        7
               Q. But the configuration --
15:03:16
                    The configuration and lot numbers, that does
15:03:17
        8
               Α.
            depict the subdivision.
        9
15:03:24
15:03:59
       10
                         MR. ROBON: No further questions, Your
15:04:00
       11
            Honor.
       12
                         THE COURT: Thank you. Cross?
15:04:00
15:04:02
       13
                         MR. BAHRET: Thank you.
15:04:12
       14
                            NICK NIGH, CROSS-EXAMINATION
15:04:14
       15
       16
            BY MR. BAHRET:
15:04:15
                   Good afternoon, Mr. Nigh.
15:04:15
       17
               0.
                    Good afternoon.
               Α.
15:04:20
       18
               Q. You and I met before in your office down in
       19
15:04:27
       20
            Findlay?
15:04:30
       21
               Α.
                  Yes.
15:04:31
                    Have you reviewed your deposition transcript to
15:04:31
       22
               0.
       23
            get ready here today?
15:04:33
       24
               A. No, I did not.
15:04:35
15:04:37
       25
               Q. Obviously you know we talked to you -- where's
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the date?
        1
15:04:44
                    It was in February.
15:04:44
        2
               Α.
                   February of this year?
15:04:46
        3
               Q.
                    I think it was the 27th.
15:04:46
        4
               Α.
15:04:48
               Ο.
                    You are correct. The 27th. Obviously you gave
        5
            information to the best of your ability accurately --
15:04:51
        6
                    That's correct.
        7
15:04:53
               Α.
               O. -- under oath. All right.
15:04:54
        8
                    Let's talk about a few things. Your only
15:04:55
        9
15:05:05
       10
            involvement in Cambridge was to supervise a survey crew
            after the problem arose?
15:05:08
       11
                    That's correct. Yes.
       12
               Α.
15:05:09
15:05:13
       13
                    You had nothing to do with Cambridge before the
            water main was installed?
15:05:15
       14
15:05:16
       15
               Α.
                    No.
                    Your company size, sir, you're smaller now than
15:05:17
       16
15:05:23
       17
            you were some years ago?
                    We're a little bit smaller, yes.
15:05:24
       18
               Α.
                    The reason for that -- I'm not implying anything
       19
15:05:27
       20
            negative. The reason for that is because the housing
15:05:30
       21
            market has a direct effect on your company and the
15:05:34
            services you can provide?
15:05:38
       22
       23
               A. On some of them, yes.
15:05:39
       24
               Q. And because the real estate market went into the
15:05:41
15:05:46
       25
            toilet, basically, your business downsized?
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We had some people leave, and we did not rehire
15:05:50
         1
         2
            or replace those positions.
15:05:56
                    And when did -- you know when the market,
15:05:58
         3
                0.
            basically when it took a header?
15:06:01
         4
15:06:04
         5
                Α.
                    Yes.
                           Sure.
                    When was that?
15:06:06
         6
                O.
                    I would say we started noticing it in about 2004.
        7
15:06:06
                Α.
                    And it really went down hard in 2006?
15:06:14
         8
                0.
15:06:17
         9
                Α.
                    Yes.
15:06:20
        10
                Q.
                    In fact, right about the time this project was
            done, the water project?
15:06:24
        11
                    The water project?
15:06:25
        12
                Α.
15:06:27
        13
                Q.
                    Yes.
15:06:27
        14
                Α.
                   Yeah, I'd say.
                    You're familiar with drainage plans?
15:06:29
        15
                Q.
                    Somewhat, yes.
15:06:34
        16
                Α.
                    And you reviewed, I guess after the fact, the
15:06:36
        17
                Ο.
            drainage plan for Cambridge?
15:06:41
        18
                Α.
                   Yes.
        19
15:06:43
        20
                    And you know that the drainage plan -- first of
15:06:44
                Q.
            all, when you prepare those plans, you don't just do it
15:06:47
        21
            because you want to charge for your services; you expect
15:06:51
        22
        23
             somebody to follow those plans?
15:06:54
        24
                Α.
                   That's correct.
15:06:55
15:06:56
        25
                Q. And the drainage plan for Cambridge required not
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1
            just everything going from Ford roadside down to Bates
15:07:03
            roadside; it was coming in both directions to each
         2
15:07:08
            individual catch basin?
15:07:12
         3
                    That's -- I know what you're trying to say.
15:07:14
         4
               Α.
                    Am I basically right?
15:07:17
         5
                Q.
                    Yeah.
15:07:19
         6
                Α.
        7
                Ο.
                    Do you know if they actually laid it out that
15:07:19
            way?
15:07:23
        8
15:07:23
        9
               Α.
                    I do not know, no.
15:07:25
        10
                Q.
                    Now, if it were, as somebody else suggested, with
            the water just going from one side of the property down
15:07:28
        11
        12
            to the other towards lot 15 and 16, that would overload
15:07:31
15:07:34
        13
            that catch basin, correct?
15:07:37
        14
               Α.
                    It could, yes.
                    Okay. You had nothing to do with figuring out
15:07:39
        15
            any ponding water issue?
15:07:46
        16
15:07:48
        17
               Α.
                    No.
                    You were just the encroachment issue?
15:07:48
        18
                Q.
                    Correct.
        19
                Α.
15:07:51
        20
                    And at least based on your deposition, you agree
15:07:51
                Q.
        21
            with me that in order to comply with the drainage plan
15:07:56
            your company prepared, and Cambridge filed with Wood
15:08:00
        22
        23
            County, they would need to remove all of the vegetation
15:08:05
        24
            and brambles and bushes at the rear of their lots?
15:08:08
15:08:12
        25
               Α.
                    Right, between the basins and so forth and the
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1
            soils, yes.
15:08:16
               Q. So if they complied with the plan, the back of
15:08:17
        2
            those properties as it abuts the railroad would be
15:08:20
        3
            naked?
15:08:23
        4
                    Could be.
15:08:25
        5
               Α.
               Q. Well, it should be if they complied with your
15:08:26
        6
            plan, correct?
        7
15:08:29
               Α.
                    Sure.
15:08:30
        8
                    And so if that's true, if anybody were to clear
15:08:33
        9
               Q.
15:08:38
       10
            all the vegetation off the railroad right-of-way, now
            we've got nothing?
15:08:41
       11
       12
               Α.
                    That's correct.
15:08:42
15:08:45
       13
               Q.
                   But nobody to complain about it too either,
            right?
15:08:49
       14
                    I don't understand the question.
15:08:49
       15
               Α.
               Q. Well, I don't want to suggest you have a dog in
15:08:51
       16
            this fight, and if you don't, say so, but you're not
15:08:56
       17
            suggesting that the City of Toledo doesn't have the
15:08:59
       18
            right to remove vegetation from the railroad property?
       19
15:09:01
       20
15:09:04
               A. No, that's correct. I'm not suggesting that at
            all.
       21
15:09:07
                    And you're not suggesting that Cambridge has the
15:09:07
       22
               0.
       23
            right to complain about what happened on railroad
15:09:09
       24
            property concerning vegetation?
15:09:12
15:09:14
       25
               Α.
                    I'm not saying they can or can't.
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Your firm did nothing with the -- to figure out
        1
15:09:21
        2
            if the crossover pipe works or doesn't work?
15:09:27
                   Not to my knowledge.
15:09:29
        3
               Α.
                   All right. Let me get to these brambles that
15:09:33
        4
               0.
            you said you found. And we want to talk a little bit
15:09:37
        5
            about how you found them, too. You can't tell us the
15:09:39
        6
            age of a bramble or even a tree, could you? Well, I
        7
15:09:44
            guess you could count the rings on a tree. Forget
15:09:50
        8
            that. You can't tell us the age of a bramble?
15:09:53
        9
15:09:56
       10
               A. No, I couldn't.
                   And you couldn't tell us the health of brambles
15:09:57
               0.
            or weeds or the other things?
15:09:59
15:10:01
       13
               Α.
                   No.
               Q. You couldn't tell us the health of any of the
15:10:01
       14
            trees that were cut?
15:10:04
       15
               A. Not that were cut, no.
15:10:05
       16
15:10:07
       17
               Q. And did you take note of the health of trees that
            were not cut?
15:10:09
       18
                   Not really. I mean, I saw other trees, and they
       19
               Α.
15:10:12
       20
15:10:16
            all seemed to have leaves and so forth on them.
15:10:19
       21
               0.
                  But did you focus on it at all?
                   No, I didn't.
15:10:21
       22
               Α.
       23
               Q. And my understanding is based on your work that
15:10:22
       24
            you did, you determined that there was absolutely no
15:10:28
15:10:32
       25
            encroachment on lots 9, 10, and 11?
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Nine, 10, and 11, did not notice any
        1
15:10:36
               Α.
        2
            encroachment, no.
15:10:41
               Q. So whatever the condition is, the view, if you
15:10:41
        3
            will, on that part of the subdivision, the City of
15:10:44
        4
            Toledo didn't cause that?
15:10:50
        5
                    I don't really know. I did not see what was
15:10:53
        6
            there before, so I'm -- there wasn't anything disturbed
        7
15:10:57
        8
            there.
                   There was no --
15:11:02
                   You might have misunderstood me. You were there
15:11:03
        9
               0.
15:11:06
       10
            to try to document encroachment?
                   That's correct.
15:11:08
       11
               Α.
               Q.
                   And you determined there was no encroachment?
15:11:09
       12
15:11:11
       13
               Α.
                    In that area I determined there wasn't anything
            that I noticed that we needed to locate.
15:11:14
       14
               Q. Okay. Did anybody show you any pictures of the
15:11:16
       15
            property when you were trying to determine what
15:11:19
       16
15:11:21
       17
            happened?
                   Not at that time, not yet, no.
15:11:23
       18
               Α.
               Q. Were you aware of the fact that the appearance of
       19
15:11:26
       20
            the subdivision, the back of those lots, at least up at
15:11:29
       21
            lots 14, 15, and 16, was radically altered by
15:11:33
            Cambridge's folks after this incident and before you saw
15:11:40
       22
       23
            it?
15:11:43
       24
               Α.
                   No.
15:11:44
15:11:46
       25
               Q. Okay. Did you know that McCarthy, a guy named
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1
            McCarthy -- did you meet with him?
15:11:51
        2
                    I know John, yes.
15:11:53
               Q. Did you know that John McCarthy brought in over
15:11:55
        3
            100 -- somewhere between 100 to 140 truckloads, tandem
15:11:59
        4
            axle truckloads of dirt then bulldozed it into position?
15:12:05
        5
               Α.
15:12:10
        6
                   No.
               Q. You would agree with me that sure could alter our
15:12:10
        7
            brambles and bushes; could it not?
15:12:13
        8
        9
               A. Sure.
15:12:15
15:12:15
       10
               Q. How did you locate where these brambles and
            bushes were?
15:12:18
       11
       12
               A. Are you talking about technique?
15:12:19
15:12:21
       13
               0.
                   Yeah.
                            How did you --
               A. We used a survey instrument, a transit or total
15:12:23
       14
            station, it's called today. And with a data collector,
15:12:27
       15
            along with what's called a prism rod that reflects
15:12:31
       16
15:12:36
       17
            light, and we just individually located clumps or groups
            the first time as best we could.
15:12:41
       18
               Q. Let me interrupt you because we're not -- I'll
       19
15:12:43
       20
            take the blame for it.
15:12:46
       21
                   That's what I thought.
15:12:48
               Α.
                   Bad question. I meant, how did you observe
15:12:49
       22
               Ο.
       23
           them?
15:12:53
       24
               A. Okay. There were bramble roots coming out of the
15:12:54
       25
            ground.
15:12:58
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Q. Okay. And did you pull any of these to determine
15:12:58
            if they're actually rooted there?
        2
15:13:04
15:13:06
        3
               Α.
                   No.
               Q. Do you know if the root structures were pushed by
15:13:07
        4
            the bulldozer?
15:13:11
        5
                   I couldn't tell, no.
15:13:12
        6
               Α.
        7
               Q. Certainly makes sense, would it not?
15:13:13
        8
           possible?
15:13:16
15:13:16
        9
               Α.
                   It's possible.
15:13:17
       10
               Q.
                    In fact, were there areas, sir, where to see the
            brambles, you were actually looking in trenches that
15:13:25
       11
       12
            McCarthy dug up for you; were you not?
15:13:28
15:13:31
       13
               A. I believe that somebody had gone down through
15:13:34
       14
            there and dug some trenches or something, if I'm
            recalling right. It wasn't like it was undisturbed
15:13:39
       15
15:13:42
       16
            soil.
               Q. Okay. Like -- it's pretty dark. Have you ever
15:13:42
       17
            seen this photograph, sir?
15:13:54
       18
               A. You asked me if I've ever seen it? I think I do
       19
15:13:56
       20
            remember seeing this at depositions, but it's not clear
15:14:03
            here at all.
       21
15:14:06
                         MR. BAHRET: Exhibit K-11.
15:14:08
       22
       23
                   Do you recognize that as being the back of the
15:14:09
       24
            Cambridge development?
15:14:11
15:14:12
       25
               A. It looks like it, yes.
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And if I told you that's Mr. McCarthy's folks on
15:14:14
         1
            a bulldozer pushing dirt from the railroad property onto
         2
15:14:18
            Cambridge, would you believe me?
15:14:21
         3
                          THE COURT: Ask him to assume that, then ask
15:14:25
         4
            a question.
15:14:28
         5
            BY MR. BAHRET:
15:14:29
         6
        7
                    If I ask you to assume that this is Mr.
15:14:29
                0.
            McCarthy's contractor pushing dirt from the railroad
15:14:32
         8
            right-of-way onto the Cambridge subdivision, are you
        9
15:14:35
            willing to do that?
15:14:39
        10
                Α.
15:14:40
        11
                    Yes.
                    And would you agree that in the process of doing
15:14:41
        12
15:14:44
        13
            that, absolutely everything is covered? You see it in
15:14:50
        14
            that photograph?
                    You know what, I can't see anything.
15:14:53
        15
                Α.
                    Let me show you the original.
15:14:56
        16
                Ο.
15:14:57
        17
                Α.
                    There's a lot of glare.
                    It's much easier to see?
15:15:00
        18
                Ο.
        19
                Α.
                    Yes.
15:15:02
        20
                    And so basically all the evidence is gone, right,
15:15:03
                Q.
        21
            of the area where you were looking for brambles?
15:15:07
                Α.
15:15:13
        22
                    Yes.
        23
                          MR. BAHRET: Can I show this to the jury,
15:15:14
        24
            Your Honor?
15:15:16
15:15:18
        25
                          THE COURT:
                                       Yes.
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Did you do anything to determine if the dirt
        1
15:15:28
            containing the remains of the brambles had been moved
        2
15:15:31
            from one location to another?
15:15:34
        3
                    You mean, like, hauled in from outside or pushed?
15:15:41
         4
               Α.
                   Pushed five feet.
15:15:45
         5
                0.
                    Not really, no.
15:15:46
        6
                Α.
                    You would agree that the evidence would show the
        7
15:15:48
                0.
            railroad fence, what's left of it, leaning in towards
15:15:51
        8
            Cambridge?
15:15:56
        9
15:15:56
        10
                    There was some fence remains pushed in, yes.
                    And whatever fence was remaining was leaning in,
15:16:00
        11
                0.
        12
            correct?
15:16:03
15:16:04
        13
               Α.
                    That's correct, yes.
                    Do you know if that was from being bulldozed by
15:16:05
        14
            McCarthy and his boys?
15:16:09
        15
                    I do not know.
        16
               Α.
15:16:10
                   Could a bulldozer move a railroad fence?
15:16:11
        17
                Ο.
               Α.
                    Easily.
15:16:15
        18
                    Let's talk about the railroad fence. Are there
        19
                Q.
15:16:16
        20
            different ways to survey, first of all?
15:16:24
        21
               Α.
                    Yes.
15:16:26
                    Is it common for surveyors to disagree with one
15:16:26
        22
                0.
        23
            another?
15:16:30
        24
               A. More so than we'd like to say.
15:16:31
15:16:33
        25
                Q. And that's because surveying, it's an art, and I
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1
            don't want to say an inexact science; I'm looking for
15:16:40
            the words.
15:16:43
        2
              A. Different theories.
15:16:44
        3
                   Thank you. And it doesn't mean that anybody is
15:16:45
        4
               Ο.
            bad. It's just there can be honest differences of
15:16:51
        5
            opinion as to the location of a survey line?
15:16:54
        7
               A. Yes.
15:16:58
               O. And everybody complying with all reasonable
15:16:59
        8
            standards?
15:17:05
        9
15:17:05
       10
               Α.
                    That's correct. Yes.
               Q. And in this case, there may be such a
15:17:09
       11
       12
            disagreement?
15:17:11
15:17:15
       13
                         MR. ROBON: Objection. There's no evidence
15:17:16
       14
           of it, Your Honor.
                         THE COURT: Are you aware of a disagreement?
15:17:18
       15
15:17:21
       16
                         MR. BAHRET: Let me just strike that.
            BY MR. BAHRET:
15:17:23
       17
               Q. Do you know after the fact, after the fact your
15:17:23
       18
            company did a survey, and the City did a survey.
       19
15:17:25
       20
            think you're aware of that, right?
15:17:29
       21
               A. I wasn't aware the City did a survey.
15:17:31
                   Are you aware of the fact the survey stakes in
15:17:33
       22
       23
            many places are literally side by side?
15:17:35
       24
               A. No.
15:17:38
15:17:38
       25
               Q. Okay. Did you see any survey stakes when you
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were there?
        1
15:17:42
                           Not when I was there.
         2
                    No.
15:17:43
                    The jury will hear witnesses say, and I'm going
15:17:50
         3
                0.
            ask you to assume the truth of this, that markings were
15:17:53
        4
            still evident in trees and on lathes placed on the
15:17:58
         5
            ground after Vermillion cleared the land. Can you
15:18:04
            assume that for me?
        7
15:18:08
                    I know that we set some in there too after
15:18:09
        8
               Α.
            Vermillion cleared the land.
        9
15:18:11
15:18:13
        10
                    No, you weren't even there until long after
            Vermillion cleared the land?
15:18:16
        11
        12
               Α.
                    That's correct.
15:18:18
15:18:18
        13
                    I'm talking about ten minutes after they're done,
            there's still stuff there.
15:18:21
        14
15:18:22
       15
               Α.
                    Okay.
                0.
                    That's what I want you to assume.
15:18:23
       16
15:18:25
        17
                Α.
                    Okay.
                    Do you know who got rid of all those markings?
15:18:25
       18
                Q.
                   I have no idea.
       19
                Α.
15:18:30
        20
                    But they were gone when you were there?
15:18:31
                Q.
                    That's correct.
        21
                Α.
15:18:32
                    In fact, you didn't even see any evidence in the
15:18:33
        22
                0.
        23
            trees that were remaining of markings?
15:18:37
        24
               Α.
                    No.
15:18:39
                Q. Is it common when going through a big project
15:18:40
        25
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like this to -- I mean, you don't look for every survey
         1
15:18:43
15:18:49
         2
            monument, do you, when you're on a water main project?
15:18:52
         3
                Α.
                    Not every one, no.
                    And in fact, is it common to give credibility or
15:18:53
         4
                Ο.
            historical reference to various markings?
15:18:59
         5
                Α.
                    Sure.
                             Yes.
15:19:02
         6
                    And a railroad fence is one of those things that
        7
                0.
15:19:03
            is common in your industry to give credibility and honor
15:19:06
         8
            to it?
15:19:10
        9
15:19:11
        10
                Α.
                    You could, yes.
                    By that what you mean is if we're doing a big
15:19:12
        11
                0.
        12
            water main project, I'm not trying to specifically
15:19:15
15:19:18
        13
            locate the corner of a subdivision, I'm putting the
15:19:21
        14
            water main in now. It would be a very common and
            accepted practice to just stay on this side of the
15:19:25
        15
            railroad fence?
        16
15:19:29
                    I would -- yes, I would agree with that.
15:19:30
        17
                    And what you saw is that that's what happened,
15:19:32
        18
                Ο.
            correct?
        19
15:19:38
        20
                          MR. ROBON: Objection.
15:19:39
        21
                          THE COURT: He may answer.
15:19:42
                Α.
                    That --
15:19:43
        22
        23
                    Do you want me to define that a little bit better
15:19:44
        24
            for you?
15:19:47
15:19:48
        25
                Α.
                    Yes.
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1
                   Anytime you don't follow one of my questions,
15:19:48
            you're not going to insult me if you tell me, Bahret,
        2
15:19:51
            you didn't get it clear.
15:19:55
        3
                    From the evidence you saw, the clearing that had
15:19:57
        4
            been done was on the railroad side of the fence?
15:20:01
        5
                    It was on both sides.
               Α.
15:20:07
        6
                   Both sides of the railroad fence?
        7
               Ο.
15:20:08
                   Yes.
15:20:10
        8
               Α.
                   Do you recall being asked that at deposition?
15:20:27
        9
               Q.
15:20:29
       10
               Α.
                   No, I don't.
                    I don't know if this will show it because I only
15:20:30
       11
               0.
            got the condensed version here.
15:20:33
15:20:38
       13
                    Page 34 of your transcript. There's the
15:20:47
       14
            question. It begins at the bottom of 33. Can you see
            it there?
15:20:50
       15
              A. Yes.
15:20:51
       16
               Q. Can you read it? I mean, are you able to read
15:20:51
       17
            it?
15:20:54
       18
                         THE COURT: Why don't you read the question
       19
15:20:54
       20
15:20:55
            and answer.
               Q. I was just making sure he could follow along.
15:20:57
       21
                    "Question: Would you agree at least in that
15:21:00
       22
       23
            picture, that's the one where you're claiming
15:21:05
       24
            encroachment?"
15:21:07
15:21:08
       25
               A. Can you tell me what line we're on?
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1
               Q. Go to 33. The last line.
15:21:10
                    "Would you agree at least in that picture,
15:21:14
        2
            obviously no clearing of brush or trees was done on the
15:21:17
        3
            wrong side of the railroad fence?"
15:21:20
        4
15:21:23
        5
                   Do you see that?
                   No, I don't. I'm not following you.
15:21:24
        6
                    (Discussion had off the record.)
15:21:56
        7
            BY MR. BAHRET:
15:22:00
        8
               Q. Can you read it now?
15:22:01
        9
15:22:02
       10
               Α.
                  Yes.
               Q. "Would you agree at least in that picture,
15:22:02
       11
            obviously no clearing of brush or trees was done on the
15:22:05
       12
15:22:08
       13
            wrong side of the railroad fence?"
                   And you say, "yes."
15:22:10
       14
15:22:12
       15
               Α.
                   Okay.
                   Then the next question: "Did you see any evidence
15:22:13
       16
               0.
15:22:16
       17
            that there was any clearing of brush, brambles or trees
            on the wrong side of the railroad fence?"
15:22:21
       18
                    And what did you say, sir?
       19
15:22:24
       20
               A. "Of the fence, no."
15:22:25
               Q. Okay. And so you would take that question to
15:22:27
       21
            mean -- I mean, you knew I wanted to know if there's
15:22:31
       22
       23
            evidence of going on the wrong side of the fence to
15:22:35
       24
            clear anything?
15:22:37
       25
               A. I agree with that. Where I could physically see
15:22:38
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1
            the fence, yeah, there was not any clearing on the other
15:22:42
            side of that.
15:22:45
        2
              Q. All right. And incidentally -- I think you may
15:22:46
        3
            have already answered this. You don't know if the
15:22:49
        4
            fence was literally pushed one or more feet away?
15:22:52
        5
                   I have no idea. I only saw a very little bit of
15:22:55
        6
            fence that was remaining. There was a little bit of
15:23:01
        7
            fence that was pushed over, but there were several
15:23:04
        8
        9
            hundred feet in there where I never saw any fence at
15:23:06
15:23:09
       10
            all.
              Q. Well, let's take a look at a couple of these.
15:23:13
       12
            Exhibit A13. Can you make that out?
15:23:20
15:23:32
       13
              A. Yes. Yeah.
15:23:34
       14
               Q. Would you agree that's several pieces of railroad
           fence?
15:23:38
       15
              Α.
                   Yes.
15:23:38
       16
               Q. And this is in an area not disturbed by
15:23:39
       17
            McCarthy's crew?
       18
15:23:43
       19
               A. Okay.
15:23:43
       20
               Q. Do you see that?
15:23:44
       21
               A. Yes.
15:23:45
                   The area where you didn't see railroad fence, as
15:23:45
               O.
       23
            evidenced here with a whole series of fence posts, is in
15:23:48
       24
            the area where a gazillion tons of dirt were put there
15:23:53
       25
            and a bulldozer pushed --
15:23:57
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1
                    That could be, yes.
15:23:59
                Α.
                    Nobody ever told you that the fence that was
         2
15:24:07
            obliterated by McCarthy wasn't just like as shown in
15:24:10
        3
            Exhibit A13?
15:24:15
        4
                    That's right.
15:24:16
         5
               Α.
                    And assuming that fence was there, it would be an
15:24:18
         6
            acceptable technique to honor that fence and cut down
15:24:22
        7
            what's on the railroad side of the fence and leave alone
15:24:27
        8
            the stuff on the development side of the fence?
15:24:31
        9
15:24:33
        10
                         MR. ROBON: Objection.
                          THE COURT: One second, please.
15:24:38
        11
        12
                         He may answer.
15:24:44
15:24:47
       13
                    I'm not going to say it would be an acceptable
            practice, but I'd say it is a practice. Me, as a
15:24:52
        14
            surveyor personally, I probably wouldn't go in there and
15:24:57
        15
            just clear up to the fence if I wasn't sure that was the
15:25:01
        16
15:25:04
        17
            exact line. However, a contractor may.
                    Now I've got to fence with you.
15:25:08
        18
                0.
                          THE COURT: No pun intended.
        19
15:25:11
       20
                    It's important to me, sir, that word "accepted."
15:25:20
                Q.
        21
               Α.
                    Okay.
15:25:25
                    Can you read it?
15:25:32
        22
                0.
        23
15:25:33
                Α.
                    Yep.
        24
                    Do you see where I'm pointing?
15:25:33
                Q.
15:25:35
        25
                Α.
                    Yes.
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Q. Now, the question is: "Is that an accepted
        1
15:25:36
            method?" All right?
15:25:40
        2
15:25:42
        3
              A. Yes.
               Q. So what I'm trying to get at is that word
15:25:42
        4
            "accepted."
15:25:45
        5
               Α.
                   Right.
15:25:45
        6
15:25:46
        7
               Q. What was your answer?
                   It's "Yes. It is accepted." But sometimes
15:25:47
        8
               Α.
            it's not. I mean, I understand what you're saying, but
        9
15:25:50
15:25:56
       10
            there are other ways of establishing the right-of-way
            besides just the fence.
15:25:59
       12
               Q. I'm not arguing that point. I'm just trying to
15:26:02
            find out this method.
15:26:05
       13
15:26:06
       14
                   It is sometimes accepted, yes.
               Q. So if a survey crew went down there and gave
15:26:08
       15
            honor and credibility to the railroad fence for three
15:26:12
       16
            miles, you wouldn't say: Wow, are they crazy?
15:26:15
       17
                   Not unless it was, like, five or six feet off.
15:26:20
       18
               Α.
                   And you don't have any evidence that it was five
       19
               Q.
15:26:24
       20
            or six feet off?
15:26:27
       21
                   No, I do not.
15:26:28
               Α.
                   And the area -- where did that map go that you
15:26:30
       22
               Ο.
       23
            did? What was it, Exhibit 7?
15:26:36
       24
                   (Discussion had off the record.)
15:26:48
15:26:54
       25
               Q. This area where you're showing disturbed area --
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1
               Α.
                   Yes.
15:26:58
               Q. -- that's the area where McCarthy brought the
15:26:58
            dirt in; is that right?
15:27:02
        3
               Α.
                   That's the area that we located. You keep
15:27:05
        4
            talking to me about where McCarthy brought the dirt in.
15:27:08
            I don't know that he brought the dirt in.
15:27:11
                   If I ask you to assume that the dirt -- well, you
        7
               0.
15:27:13
            saw the bulldozer picture, right?
15:27:18
        8
                   Right. But I don't know whose bulldozer that is
15:27:20
        9
               Α.
15:27:24
       10
            either other than what you're telling me.
               Q. Okay. Well, look at A8. Is this a picture
15:27:27
       11
            you've ever seen before? Probably not.
15:27:44
15:27:46
       13
               A.
                  Might have saw it at deposition, but I'm not
15:27:49
       14
            sure. I remember seeing some pictures with pipe.
               Q. And you recognize that -- I mean, would you
15:27:51
       15
            accept as true if I asked you to assume that's the water
15:27:58
       16
15:28:01
       17
            main pipe?
               A. Yes.
15:28:01
       18
                   And you see some fencing there?
15:28:02
       19
               Q.
15:28:07
       20
               Α.
                   The construction fence?
       21
               Q.
                   Yes.
15:28:08
15:28:08
       22
               Α.
                   Yes.
       23
                   And are there any marks in this as far as there's
15:28:09
       24
            one faint one down there, that machine, I think, showing
15:28:12
15:28:15
       25
            any kind of survey line? If you don't see any just --
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1
               Α.
                    I don't see it.
15:28:21
                    Would you agree that there's no brambles or brush
15:28:21
            or anything even inward of that massive tree?
15:28:27
        3
                    I would agree with that.
15:28:33
        4
               Α.
                   Do you have any idea who cut that stuff down?
15:28:34
               Q.
        5
                   No idea.
15:28:37
        6
               Α.
                   And you see all that dirt in this picture?
15:28:42
        7
               O.
               Α.
                   Yes.
15:28:45
        8
                   Most of that dirt on the right of that pipe is on
15:28:46
        9
               Q.
15:28:50
       10
            Cambridge property; is it not?
                    I don't really know where Cambridge property line
15:29:00
       11
            is relative in that picture. I mean, I see some
15:29:03
15:29:06
       13
            construction fence. Most of it's on the other side of
            the construction fence.
15:29:09
       14
               Q. Sir, if you were called upon -- and believe me,
15:29:10
       15
            I'm not saying this is any of your fault, so don't get
15:29:13
       16
            offended at my question. But if you are getting called
15:29:16
       17
            upon to answer a question as to was there an
15:29:20
       18
            encroachment, would you prefer to see undisturbed land?
       19
15:29:24
       20
               Α.
                    I guess it would depend on what the encroachment
15:29:33
            is, but yes.
15:29:36
       21
                   Well, in this very case.
15:29:37
               0.
       23
                    In this case, yes, I would prefer to see
15:29:38
       24
            undisturbed.
15:29:41
               Q. And the day after the clearing took place, if you
15:29:42
       25
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1
            had been called by McCarthy or anybody else, and they
15:29:45
            said, we really want to know if there's been an
        2
15:29:51
            encroachment here, the first thing you would have said
15:29:54
        3
            is: Don't touch a thing; right?
15:29:57
        4
                    I mean, that's the way I would prefer it, yes.
15:29:58
        5
                    I mean, if they said, come on up in August, five
15:30:01
        6
            months afterwards or four months afterwards, and after
        7
15:30:05
            we dump, you know, thousands and thousands of tons of
15:30:09
        8
            dirt and bulldoze it, you would have probably said
15:30:12
        9
15:30:17
       10
            that's not a good idea?
                   I would have said, I'll do the best I can do.
15:30:17
                   Okay. How many times were you at the property
15:30:21
       12
15:30:33
       13
            after the fact personally?
                    I've been there three times. I was there twice,
15:30:35
       14
            and then I did go once after depositions to look at it
15:30:39
       15
            again.
15:30:42
       16
15:30:43
       17
               Q. Did you learn anything at deposition -- excuse
            me, at your visit post-deposition that affected your
15:30:46
       18
            opinions in any way?
       19
15:30:49
       20
               A. No, not really.
15:30:50
               Q. You could just tell from the questions that were
15:30:51
       21
            being asked, it piqued your curiosity?
15:30:54
       22
       23
               A. Yeah, and I just wanted to see the condition of
15:30:58
            the site at that time. And it was in much better shape
       24
15:31:02
            than when we were there.
       25
15:31:05
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All right. Did Mr. McCarthy or Mr. Laskey or
15:31:07
        1
            anybody else tell you even after clearing was done there
        2
15:31:15
            was still any kind of a green barrier?
15:31:18
        3
               Α.
                    No.
15:31:25
        4
                    Did you know clearing was in April? I think you
15:31:25
               Ο.
        5
            said you did.
15:31:28
        6
                    That's when I was called. I don't know when the
        7
               Α.
15:31:28
            clearing actually occurred.
15:31:31
        8
                    Let me rephrase, and you're correct.
15:31:33
        9
               0.
                                                               Ιt
15:31:36
       10
            obviously had to have taken place before you were
            called.
15:31:38
       11
       12
               Α.
                    That's correct.
15:31:39
15:31:39
       13
               Q.
                    So we know it was April at the latest?
15:31:42
       14
               Α.
                    That's right.
                   And we know that Mr. Huber was there in May, or
15:31:43
       15
               Ο.
            maybe you don't know that.
15:31:49
       16
                    I don't know that.
15:31:50
       17
               Α.
                    Okay. Mr. Huber testified that when he walked
15:31:51
       18
               Ο.
            behind lot 15, he tore his clothes up and got scratched
15:31:57
       19
       20
            walking through a four-foot barrier of brambles.
15:32:03
                         MR. ROBON: Your Honor, I don't recall that
       21
15:32:09
            testimony.
15:32:10
       22
                         THE COURT: Well, if it's not exact, it's an
       23
15:32:12
       24
            approximation of his testimony that he walked through
15:32:14
15:32:19
       25
            brambles and it cut his suit, as I recall.
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MR. BAHRET: Right. And he estimated the
15:32:24
            depth at about four feet.
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15:32:26
            BY MR. BAHRET:
15:32:30
        3
               Q. Why are there no brambles visible, if you know,
15:32:30
        4
            in A12 behind lot 15?
        5
15:32:34
                         THE COURT: The date that photo was taken,
15:32:43
        6
        7
            do you know?
15:32:46
        8
                         MR. BAHRET: We will get that from one of
15:32:48
            the Ric-man witnesses. Ric-man took these photos when
        9
15:32:49
15:32:53
       10
            he saw McCarthy doing his thing.
               A. I don't know why there weren't any brambles
15:32:55
       12
            there. But I think if you look at my survey, there is
15:32:59
15:33:02
       13
            an area clear at the southeast corner of the subdivision
            that was not disturbed, the southeast property corner.
15:33:05
       14
               Q. Let me get my compass directions. Lot nine.
15:33:11
       15
                   No, 15, clear at the southeast.
15:33:15
       16
               Α.
15:33:18
       17
                         THE COURT: 16.
                   It is 16 if it's right at the corner. At the
               Α.
15:33:19
       18
            southeast corner. That might be another lot number.
       19
15:33:24
       20
            I'm not sure.
15:33:27
               Q. Let me see if I can get that picture.
       21
                                                              In fact,
15:33:27
            that's the one that shows the railroad fence right
15:33:33
       22
       23
            near --
15:33:36
       24
               A. Right there at that monument. That's correct.
15:33:37
       25
               Q. So that's an area where the fence is leaning in.
15:33:39
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1
            Had it been standing up, it would basically be at that
15:33:42
        2
            monument?
15:33:46
              A. Probably pretty close.
15:33:47
        3
               Q. In that area you didn't see any evidence that
15:33:48
            they cut on the other side of the monument or the fence?
15:33:50
        5
                          That's correct.
15:33:53
        6
                   No.
        7
               Q. I don't know what's with my pictures; they don't
15:33:59
            show it very well on the ELMO.
        8
15:34:02
               A. There's glare coming off.
        9
15:34:04
15:34:06
       10
                         THE COURT: We're trying to get somebody in
            to help with that. I'm not sure whether it's the
15:34:09
       11
       12
            photos or what.
15:34:12
15:34:13
       13
            BY MR. BAHRET:
               Q. Sir, you were asked a question at deposition, and
15:34:14
       14
            I don't really remember how we qualified this, but you
15:34:16
       15
            know what a hydro-axe is, correct?
15:34:19
       16
15:34:21
       17
               A. We talked about some cutting equipment, that's
            correct.
       18
15:34:25
               Q. You're familiar with that? You've been out on
       19
15:34:25
       20
            job sites and so forth?
15:34:28
              A. I have seen some, yes.
15:34:29
       21
                   All right. And you know that a hydro-axe does
15:34:31
               0.
       23
            not pull things out of the ground?
15:34:34
       24
               A. Not the ones that I'm familiar with; that's
15:34:36
       25
            correct.
15:34:40
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They cut, and if there's a bramble, it's not
15:34:40
        1
            going to pull five feet away from another bramble; it
        2
15:34:44
            just cuts over here?
15:34:48
        3
               A. I mean, yes.
15:34:49
        4
15:34:59
        5
                         MR. BAHRET: Okay. Thank you.
                         THE COURT: Anything further?
15:35:01
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        7
                         MR. ROBON: Yes, Your Honor.
15:35:03
15:35:05
        8
        9
                          NICK NIGH, REDIRECT EXAMINATION
15:35:05
15:35:06
       10
            BY MR. ROBON:
                   Several questions, Mr. Nigh. When Mr. Bahret
15:35:06
       11
               0.
       12
            indicated the little notation on a drawing that's
15:35:09
15:35:13
       13
            submitted to the county for utilities or drainage, and
15:35:19
       14
            there's an easement, let's say, reserved for five or ten
            feet for an electrical line or a gas line or
15:35:24
       15
            Cable-vision, that's just an easement; is it not.
15:35:29
       16
15:35:34
       17
            doesn't mean that property has to be cut or cleared?
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
15:35:37
       18
                         MR. ROBON: I'll rephrase the question.
       19
15:35:38
       20
            BY MR. ROBON:
15:35:38
       21
                    Tell us what your experience is in easement areas
15:35:40
               0.
            with regard to clearing of the property in the rear of a
15:35:44
       22
       23
            residential subdivision.
15:35:51
       24
               Α.
                    There's -- most subdivision plat requirements
15:35:52
       25
            require a survey -- or an easement around the perimeter
15:35:56
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1
            of the subdivision. That gives them the ability to put
15:36:00
            in all sorts of utilities. It might be telephone; it
15:36:03
        2
            might be electric; it might be storm drain; it might be
15:36:06
        3
            sanitary sewers or water lines. That easement is in
15:36:10
        4
            place to run those utilities. That is all the easement
15:36:13
        5
                       It doesn't mean you have to clear it all.
15:36:18
                                                                      Ιt
            doesn't mean you can't clear it all. The easement is
        7
15:36:21
            specifically there for the utilities.
        8
15:36:27
                   Isn't it true, for example, when you have
15:36:29
        9
               0.
15:36:30
       10
            underground wiring, you can actually draw a line around
            the trees so the trees aren't cut down by the utility
15:36:34
       11
       12
            company?
15:36:38
15:36:38
       13
               A. Sure.
                         MR. BAHRET: Your Honor, could we ask Mr.
15:36:39
       14
            Robon to at least try once during the trial for a
15:36:40
       15
            question that isn't leading.
15:36:43
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15:36:44
       17
                         THE COURT:
                                    Well, let's make an objection
       18
            without the speeches, please.
15:36:46
       19
                                                    Objection.
15:36:48
                         MR. BAHRET: I'm sorry.
       20
15:36:50
                         THE COURT: Sustained. But we'll let that
       21
            answer stand.
15:36:52
       22
                         MR. ROBON: Thank you.
15:36:54
       23
                         MR. BAHRET: Because of my speaking?
15:36:58
15:37:00
       24
                         THE COURT: To move things along.
            BY MR. ROBON:
15:37:02
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1
                   When you identified the thousands of brambles on
15:37:03
            your survey, can you tell the jury the condition of the
        2
15:37:06
            brambles? I mean, were they -- was there mud on them?
15:37:10
        3
            Were they just cut? Could you tell if it was natural
15:37:16
        4
            terrain?
15:37:19
        5
               A. I wouldn't say it was natural terrain. I really
15:37:22
        6
            couldn't tell. I mean, there was -- they were in real
        7
15:37:26
            rough shape. Obviously they were cut. I can't tell
15:37:33
        8
            whether they were cut by a hydro-axe or they were cut by
        9
15:37:36
15:37:39
       10
            a backhoe. I really don't know. But obviously they'd
15:37:44
       11
            been disturbed at some point in time.
       12
               Q. Were they fairly in alignment, in a row, straight
15:37:46
15:37:52
       13
            line?
                   Most of the brambles that we located were in a
15:37:53
       14
               Α.
            fairly straight line. And when I say fairly straight,
15:37:57
       15
            I mean, I don't want you to think it's a string line or
15:37:59
       16
15:38:02
       17
            anything like that, but probably within a couple of
            feet, maybe weaving back and forth a little bit.
15:38:05
       18
               Q. So if I would stand here in front of this jury
       19
15:38:08
       20
            counter, and this is the property line, the brambles may
15:38:10
       21
            have been six feet into the property, but they were
15:38:15
            pretty much in alignment?
15:38:19
       22
       23
               Α.
                  That's --
15:38:21
       24
               Q.
                   Weaving in and out little bit?
15:38:21
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15:38:24

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Α.

Yes.

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1
                   The tree stumps that you noted on your survey,
15:38:28
            did you see any evidence of movement of any of those
        2
15:38:32
            tree stumps?
15:38:35
        3
                   No, they were still in the ground.
15:38:37
        4
               Α.
                   And it looked like in their original position?
               Q.
15:38:39
        5
                   Yes.
15:38:42
        6
               Α.
                   And the surveying monuments that you put in were
        7
               0.
15:38:51
            in there before the clearing of the land, correct?
15:38:55
        8
        9
               Α.
                   They were placed sometime in 2001, probably, so
15:38:57
       10
15:39:02
           yes.
15:39:03
                   Tell me as an engineer -- I'm sorry, as a
               0.
            surveyor, if you were surveying a railroad property, and
15:39:08
15:39:14
       13
            there was a relatively new subdivision abutting it, give
15:39:21
       14
            us your opinion as to whether or not the surveyor would
            know if there were corner monuments?
15:39:25
       15
               A. He wouldn't necessarily know. He might think so,
15:39:28
       16
15:39:36
       17
            but really when we're -- I do construction layout
            staking also. We really refer to the plans most of the
15:39:41
       18
            time. I mean, what monumentation is shown on the plans
       19
15:39:45
       20
            is usually what we use in determining locations of
15:39:49
            waterlines.
       21
15:39:55
                   The monuments that your firm installed in 2001,
15:40:00
       23
            are they reflected anywhere on the construction drawings
15:40:04
       24
            in Wood County?
15:40:09
15:40:10
       25
               A. On the Cambridge --
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1
               0.
                   Yes.
15:40:13
                   Yes, they are.
15:40:14
        2
               Α.
               O. And are the records then -- tell us of the
15:40:15
        3
            availability of records in the county.
15:40:19
        4
                   All subdivision plats are recorded in the sub --
15:40:23
        5
            or actually, the county recorder's office, depending on
15:40:26
        6
            which county you're in. All subdivision plats are
        7
15:40:30
            readily available to the public.
15:40:33
        8
                   And as Mr. Bahret suggested, the City surveyors
15:40:35
        9
               0.
15:40:39
       10
            just looked at the railroad fence. If that's what they
            were doing, was there any reason for a survey?
15:40:43
       11
       12
            were just marking where the railroad fence was?
15:40:46
15:40:50
       13
               Α.
                    If they're just marking where the railroad fence
            is?
15:40:52
       14
                   Right. Anybody could have done that?
15:40:53
       15
               Ο.
15:40:55
               Α.
                   Exactly.
       16
                   Of the thousands of brambles that you saw, that
15:41:09
       17
            you depicted on Exhibit Number 7, the survey drawing, do
       18
15:41:12
            you believe that any of those brambles were moved?
15:41:22
       19
15:41:25
       20
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection. He'd have no
            foundation to know.
       21
15:41:28
                         THE COURT: I sustain that.
15:41:28
       22
                         MR. ROBON: I'll rephrase the question.
15:41:30
       23
15:41:30
       24
            BY MR. ROBON:
15:41:32
       25
               Q. Was there any evidence that there was a false
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1
            impression given to you as a surveyor to perpetrate a
15:41:35
            fraud on the City of Toledo, which is what Mr. Bahret
15:41:41
        2
            may be suggesting?
15:41:44
        3
                         MR. BAHRET: Your Honor, I object and move
15:41:46
        4
            to strike.
15:41:47
        5
                         THE COURT: I'm going to -- take a breath.
15:41:48
        6
            I'm going to ask you, Mr. Robon, to please -- both
        7
15:41:51
            sides, let's keep the side remarks out of the record,
15:41:57
        8
15:42:00
        9
            please. Just ask the question. Make your argument in
15:42:04
       10
            closing.
            BY MR. ROBON:
15:42:05
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       12
                   In your opinion, was there any effort by anyone
15:42:13
15:42:21
       13
            to change the status of the property when you went out
15:42:25
       14
            and located the tree stumps and the brambles?
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection. How would he know.
15:42:28
       15
       16
            BY MR. ROBON:
15:42:28
               Q. If you know. Was there any evidence?
15:42:31
       17
                         THE COURT: Let's find out if he knows.
15:42:33
       18
            I'll overrule.
       19
15:42:35
       20
15:42:36
                         Can you tell? Can you tell? Do you know?
       21
                    It didn't appear to me that anybody was trying to
15:42:40
               Α.
            do anything funny. I mean, that's what you're trying
15:42:43
       22
       23
            to say?
15:42:46
       24
               Q. Right.
15:42:46
15:42:46
       25
               A. I believe the brambles were in the location that
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1
            they originally were. I don't believe that -- maybe a
15:42:49
            bulldozer pushed some dirt on top of them or something
        2
15:42:54
            of that sort. But I don't think that they were pushed
15:42:57
        3
            away or onto the Cambridge property. I think that's
15:43:00
        4
            what they're trying to get at.
        5
15:43:06
                         MR. ROBON: Thank you. Nothing further,
15:43:08
        6
        7
            Your Honor.
15:43:09
        8
15:43:12
15:43:13
        9
                           NICK NIGH, RECROSS-EXAMINATION
15:43:14
       10
            BY MR. BAHRET:
               Q. Sir, would you agree with me that you would have
15:43:14
       11
       12
            liked to have known that the scene was changed?
15:43:17
15:43:24
       13
               A. I mean, I think I would have liked to have known
            if there was some work done in there. After the fact or
15:43:28
       14
            after some clearing was done?
15:43:31
       15
       16
               O.
                   Yeah.
15:43:32
15:43:33
       17
               A. I would have like to do have known that, yes.
                   And nobody told you?
15:43:35
       18
               Q.
                   Nobody told me that.
       19
               Α.
15:43:36
       20
               Q. And the areas where you were finding brambles
15:43:37
            were places --
15:43:44
       21
                         MR. BAHRET: How come this thing doesn't
15:43:51
       22
       23
            show anything? Here we go.
15:43:53
       24
            BY MR. BAHRET:
15:43:53
       25
               Q. Can you see that ditch?
15:43:55
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1
               Α.
                   Yeah.
15:43:58
                   That's the places where the evidence was in these
               Ο.
15:44:00
            ditches?
15:44:05
        3
               Α.
                   There was -- there were some things in areas like
15:44:05
        4
            that.
                   That's correct.
15:44:09
        5
               Q. And this is A2, photograph A2.
15:44:10
        6
                   And then photograph A3, you see Mr. McCarthy and
        7
15:44:22
            his crew there digging up the scene after they covered
15:44:30
        8
            up the scene?
15:44:33
        9
15:44:33
       10
               Α.
                   I see someone. I don't know who it is.
                   And a close up in A17. That shows up great,
15:44:36
               0.
       12
            doesn't it? This is the sort of thing you never knew
15:44:42
15:44:48
       13
            about?
                   You're right. I did not know about that.
15:44:48
       14
               Α.
               Q. And had you known about that, had you known you
15:45:07
       15
            were going to be asked questions about whether the
15:45:08
       16
            brambles actually moved, you would have studied them a
15:45:11
       17
            bit further? Instead of just identifying them, you
15:45:17
       18
            would have checked to see if the root structure is
       19
15:45:20
       20
            attached to anything?
15:45:23
       21
               Α.
                   I think if that -- if that came up, yes, you
15:45:27
            know.
                   I mean --
15:45:32
       22
       23
                   Again, I'm not implying anything.
15:45:33
       24
               A. I know. What I'm trying to say is, I mean, I
15:45:35
       25
            get a phone call. I was asked to locate some brambles.
15:45:38
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1 Ο. I'm with you. 15:45:42 That's the bottom line. 15:45:43 2 Α. Q. But had you known these other issues, you had the 15:45:44 3 wherewithal and the knowledge to investigate further to 15:45:48 4 be able to definitively state: Did these brambles move 15:45:52 5 or not when the bulldozer and tons of dirt were here? 15:45:56 6 Again, probably if my client asked me to. 7 15:45:59 Α. Okay. 15:46:02 8 O.

15:46:03

15:46:05

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15:46:09

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- A. You know, I'm in a --
- MR. ROBON: Your Honor, can we let him

Q. But you would have suggested --

12 finish the answer, please.

THE COURT: Were you done with your answer?

- A. I'm in a situation where, you know, I'm working for somebody. So I'm doing what they ask me to do.
- Q. Okay. But my point is, and again, I'm not arguing with what you said. I appreciate the answer.

Had you known of this issue or this problem, you would at least tell the client how I can help you better answer this question?

A. When I'm out there I might take a better look at it, you know, to see, knowing that I would be asked these questions, you know. But I didn't know these questions were going to be asked, so I'm out there locating brambles. That's my focus.

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                    I'll just leave that issue there.
15:46:52
                    Mr. Robon asked you if you saw any evidence that
15:47:09
        2
            anybody was doing any funny business and trying to cover
15:47:12
        3
            anything up intentionally.
15:47:15
        4
                         THE COURT: I think struck that; did we not.
15:47:18
        5
                         MR. BAHRET: I didn't think so, but if we
15:47:22
        6
            did, I won't go there.
        7
15:47:24
                         MR. ROBON: Let him go there, Your Honor.
        8
15:47:27
                         THE COURT: I'm not going to let him open a
15:47:29
        9
15:47:32
       10
            door I've already shut.
                         MR. BAHRET: I was going to ask a corollary.
15:47:34
       11
       12
            Does he think the City did anything intentionally.
15:47:37
15:47:40
       13
                         THE COURT: Doesn't that go to the, again,
            our discussion earlier about whether he had a foundation
15:47:42
       14
            or what he knew and didn't know?
15:47:44
       15
15:47:47
       16
                         MR. BAHRET: You're right. I'm done.
15:47:49
       17
            Thank you.
       18
                         THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down.
15:47:50
       19
            Thank you.
15:47:52
15:47:56
       20
                         Ready to call your next witness?
                         MR. ROBON: Can I have a five-minute break?
       21
15:47:59
       22
                         THE COURT: We can take a five-minute
15:48:01
       23
            standing break, or if someone needs to use the jury
15:48:03
       24
            room, you may.
15:48:07
15:53:48
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                         (The witness was sworn by the clerk.)
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MR. ROBON: We're going faster than I
15:54:09
        1
            thought today.
15:54:11
        2
                         John, have you been sworn?
15:54:12
        3
                         THE WITNESS: Yeah.
15:54:14
        4
15:54:16
        5
                         JOHN McCARTHY, DIRECT EXAMINATION
15:54:16
        6
            BY MR. ROBON:
        7
15:54:17
               Q. Would you introduce yourself to the jury.
                                                                  Tell
15:54:17
        8
            the jury about yourself and what you do.
15:54:19
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15:54:22
       10
               A. My name is John McCarthy. I'm a retired
            professional engineer. I spent my 30 years with the
15:54:28
       11
       12
            Corps of Engineers, mostly as head of the Corps of
15:54:33
15:54:39
       13
            Engineers here in Toledo. But we did a number of jobs
15:54:47
       14
            with the City. But I've been an engineer mostly with
            the Corps. I've done some development work before I
15:54:51
       15
       16
            was with the Corps, and some home development work
15:54:57
            afterwards. My particularly -- not too many people
15:55:00
       17
            know really what the Corps does. The Corps of
15:55:08
       18
            Engineers is mainly into flooding, drainage, flood
       19
15:55:10
       20
            control, and here in Toledo it was particularly
15:55:16
       21
            dredging; that was my main expertise was in those type
15:55:22
            of things.
15:55:24
       22
       23
               Q. And is the Corps of Engineers in charge of all
15:55:25
       24
            navigable waters like Lake Erie and things like that?
15:55:29
15:55:33
       25
               Α.
                   Yes.
                           They are. In the Corps of Engineers here
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in Toledo I was not involved in the wetlands issues and
        1
15:55:39
            things like that. I was not -- that was not part of my
15:55:44
        2
            office. I had a couple of people that sat in there
15:55:48
        3
            that -- they did not work for me.
15:55:52
        4
                   What on a weekly basis, can you describe your 30
15:55:53
        5
               0.
            years of experience with the Corps of Engineers, the
15:55:59
        6
            kinds of things that you would be involved in with
        7
15:56:02
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            drainage and things like that?
15:56:04
                   Well, particularly -- maybe the most pertinent
15:56:07
               Α.
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            thing here was in the '80s and '90s we did flood control
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            projects with the City of Toledo, both at Point Place
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            and at Swan Creek where my office -- we wouldn't do the
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            main designs in my little office. We had nine people,
            mostly surveyors and half surveyors, and contract
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            people, and I had another engineer assistant. But we
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            would do -- we would typically on these type of flood
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            control projects, we would do the contract
            administration, the contractors that built these levies
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            and dikes, worked for me. We decide what were we to pay
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            them.
                    The problems we had, especially in my earlier
15:57:10
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            career, we did most of the problem resolving, redesign,
15:57:14
            details, and things like that where we would get
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            involved with things like the drainage of -- was still
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            not right in the backyards, people that we built flood
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            control dikes for, and all the other issues that you'd
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have with public works projects. We typically were 1 15:57:37 doing public works projects along the shoreline or along 2 15:57:45 the river line, so we were particularly involved with 15:57:49 3 the residents and their properties as opposed to our 15:57:59 4 properties and coordinating that with the contractors 15:58:03 5 and our own people, our own surveyors and that kind of 15:58:07 6 7 thing. 15:58:11 Maybe the most pertinent thing here, we would do 15:58:11 8

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Maybe the most pertinent thing here, we would do redesigns, or when we had problems we would use our basic civil engineering type of things as far as basic ponding and what the impacts of pipes being in or out, or how big you needed a pipe to drain a certain area, you know, that kind of thing.

We did construction of the -- in a flood control project you typically have as much incidental construction as far as the roads and the sewers and waterlines and gas lines and everything else that has to be rearranged when you put a flood control project in. You have to redo all these things. And you have impacts from all the other lines or you're typically crossing and a pump station and that kind of thing.

So the Corps of Engineers experience was quite -from a civil engineering -- I'm a civil engineer -- kind
of covered the gamut as far as civil engineering kind of
things.

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Can you tell the jury how you first met Jack
15:59:31
            Laskey and under what circumstances?
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                           I think -- the first time I really met him
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               Α.
                   Yes.
            was when this situation came up with the tree clearing
15:59:48
        4
            out behind my son's house.
15:59:53
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                  Where is your son's house?
15:59:56
        6
                   My son's house is on lot 15 on Cambridge
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15:59:58
               Α.
        8
            development.
16:00:03
                   The one that backs up to the railroad?
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               Q.
16:00:07
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               Α.
                   The one that backs up to the railroad.
                   And he lives there?
16:00:09
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               Ο.
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               A. He lives there. And he's -- he had just moved
16:00:16
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            in there.
                        I understand now. I thought it was 2005,
            but it was actually early 2006. He had just moved in
16:00:19
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            there. And he called me up and he said, What do you
16:00:23
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            think they're doing back here? I didn't know; I said,
16:00:26
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            Well, I'll find out. And I came over to look at it.
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                   And I'm not sure if it was that day or shortly
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            thereafter I met Jack. I'm not -- we might have met
16:00:37
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            before that incidentally because my son had worked with
            Jack before. That's when I first met Jack, when this
16:00:44
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            problem started.
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               Q. And can you give us kind of a dateline after your
16:00:57
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            son called you, and you went out and you saw the tree
16:01:00
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            clearing, which would have been in April of '06?
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16:01:04 1 A. '06.
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- 16:01:06 2 Q. Tell us what you did.
- Well, I did a number of things. First of all, 16:01:11 3 Α. we started finding out who it was that was clearing the 16:01:18 4 And we found out. I don't know. 16:01:22 5 I can't remember, just who we found that out from at first. But 16:01:27 6 we found out that it was a City project and it was a 16:01:32 7 8 water main project. 16:01:35

And my son and I first -- I think before Jack came along, my son and I went to different ideas, what are we going to do here because, you know, his house was -- his wife and his kids were -- I think he had one son then. How are we going to deal with this thing? So we went with that, looking at what it was and what we could do to kind of mitigate the tree damage. And we -- I started looking at different options, of building a mound like somewhat like the levies that we did in the Corps, putting a levy back there, a mound back there to put trees up on. And we came up with different ideas and different -- talked to different people, prices, and how we could do that. And talked to Jack a lot about, you know, where are we going to get the money to do this at this point. And, you know, that's how we --

Q. At that point did you become a consultant to Old

1 Granite Development? 16:02:59 A. Well, I'm not sure we formalized this as a 16:03:00 2 consultant until really the following year. I was just 16:03:04 3 doing it. Jack was getting some money for basically 16:03:09 4 for the -- when we started building this mound and 16:03:15 5 trying to do the treeing ourselves there, and towards 16:03:18 6 the end of April. So Jack was trying to get some 16:03:22 7 money. And he was paying me at first as just as an 16:03:29 8 employee of Old Granite. And then in 2007 I had some 16:03:33 9 16:03:41 10 other things going on, and I got incorporated and became a consultant. That was kind of the way that -- the 16:03:47 11 12 situation evolved. 16:03:50 16:03:53 13 Q. Can you tell the jury when you first realized that there may have been a problem with the tree 16:03:59 14 cutting? 16:04:03 15 16:04:06 A. A problem as far as the local residents were 16 concerned or as far as --16:04:11 17 Q. As far as the property line in the back of the 16:04:13 18 Cambridge subdivision. And if you don't understand my 19 16:04:17 20 16:04:20 question, please ask --21 A. I think back in April, we started looking at it 16:04:27 and saying, Well, you know, hey, this is right along the 16:04:34 22 23 property line here. Certainly at least some of these 16:04:39 24 trees look like they're out on Cambridge property. And 16:04:43 16:04:48 25 I called -- I did some -- I did some investigation

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            myself. I went and had some guys working for me.
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            putting an addition on my own home, and I brought them
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            over and we measured from the railroad track. We had
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            that drawings from Jack and from his site developer.
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            And we started checking some things out, found the
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            monuments on the property.
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               Ο.
                   The corner monuments?
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                   The corner monuments on the property. We found
16:05:17
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               Α.
            them and we --
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               Q. Let me stop you right there for a moment.
            Having you look at Exhibit 41, is that one of the corner
16:05:34
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            monuments you found?
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               Α.
                   Yes.
                           I'm sure. It's got a green plastic tube
            around it.
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                           I didn't mean to interrupt you.
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               O. Yes.
               A. We found those, and from them, with the railroad
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            right there, we were able to measure off. And it was
            pretty clear to us that there was -- there was some
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            trespassing as well.
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                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
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                         THE COURT: Overruled. He may continue.
                    Trespassing by whom?
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               Α.
                   By the clearing contractor.
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               Q.
                   City of Toledo?
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               Α.
                   City of Toledo.
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MR. BAHRET: Objection.
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                   They were working for the City of Toledo.
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               Α.
                        MR. BAHRET: Objection. They were not
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            working for the City of Toledo. They were working for
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            Ric-man.
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                         THE COURT: Well, let's -- we'll sustain
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            that objection. The jury will disregard the answer.
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            Let's keep moving.
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               A. Of course, we didn't know anything about who was
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            the subcontractor or anything at that time. We just
            knew this was something to do with the City of Toledo.
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               Q. Okay. So you became suspicious?
16:06:36
16:06:39
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               Α.
                   Yes. We marked it out ourselves. With the
16:06:45
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            railroad there, it's not a big surveying mystery. You
            can come right off the railroad. The railroad goes
16:06:49
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            right up parallel with the property line.
16:06:52
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               Q. Explain that to the jury. I don't understand
16:06:54
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            what you're telling me.
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               A. Well, in the engineering world, if you're near a
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            railroad, that's usually your base line for your control
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            of all your property alignments and that kind of thing.
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            And fortunately we had a railroad right there, so it
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            was -- it was very easy to measure off that center line
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            of railroad, the active railroad, which was over about
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            100 feet. You could accurately go along that back
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1 property line of Cambridge and see just what it was. 16:07:33 And what did you see? 16:07:39 2 We saw there were -- at that time there were 16:07:40 3 Α. whole trees, whole large trees, a few large trees, 16:07:50 4 stumps that were clearly on Cambridge property. 16:07:57 5 were bushes or brambles that were coming out of the 16:08:03 6 ground; those were clearly on -- between the trees; they 7 16:08:08 were clearly on Cambridge property. And I think -- I'm 16:08:15 8 not sure exactly when I called Christy Soncrant, but 16:08:23 9 16:08:28 10 somewhere along the line we got in touch with them, and I got in touch with our site engineer to double-check 16:08:32 11 12 the monuments make sure the monuments -- because they'd 16:08:39 16:08:42 13 only been there for, at that time, five, six years. 16:08:46 14 Q. Is that Mr. Night? Yes, I talked to his boss. 16:08:46 15 Α. What happened with Peterman Associates then? 16:08:51 16 Ο. I asked them to come out and double-check the 16:08:54 17 monuments and for them to put in a couple of 16:08:57 18 intermediate stakes along the back property. 19 16:09:03 20 What do you mean, intermediate stakes? 16:09:06 Q. 21 Well, the intermediate stakes, we have a monument 16:09:08 Α. at each corner, that's approximately 1,000 feet apart. 16:09:12 22 23 It's a long ways to eyeball anything. So they put in 16:09:16 24 at least one or two intermediate stations at 500 feet 16:09:21 16:09:27 25 and maybe more.

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Q. Were these stakes then on the property line?

A. Yes. They were put right on the property line.
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- Q. And from those station, what did you determine?
- A. That, indeed, our more exacting measurements, and we actually put lines up, that -- we were right on, too. That we were accurate. That our -- when we measured back from the railroad, we put in little stations along that line, especially where the trees looked like they were trespassing.
- Q. Can you describe for the jury whether there were cuttings beyond the surveyor markers into the Cambridge subdivision at that point in time?
 - A. Yes. We could see that right from the beginning.
 - Q. And how far? How far into the subdivision?
- A. Well, the worst area that we saw that was on the ground, the stumps, was about five feet. And it was leaning -- there's a -- it's not -- so it was -- the worst area was about five feet; five, six feet, depending on whether you included the railroad ties, which didn't have trees on them, but the trees were hanging right over them. So it was about -- it was about five or six feet that we ascertained was the worst part in there.
 - Q. And the stuff was cut down in there?
 - A. Yes, it was cut down in there.

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               Ο.
                   Take a look at Exhibit Number 92. Is that a
16:11:06
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           photograph that you took?
16:11:18
               A. Yes, it's one of my guys -- yes, this is -- one
16:11:19
        3
            of my people took this photograph.
16:11:25
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               Q. And you were there?
16:11:27
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               A. Yes.
16:11:29
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               Q. Can you explain to the jury what that picture
        8
            connotes or shows?
16:11:54
               A. Yes. This is one of those intermediate stakes
16:11:57
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16:12:02
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            that we put in.
               O. You or Peterman?
16:12:04
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               A. No, not Peterman. These one-inch diameter
16:12:05
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16:12:10
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            stakes we put in. And he just had to put the
            intermediate station on, that we had checked these, tied
16:12:17
       14
            these in too. These, my guys put in. This wasn't done
16:12:21
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           by the surveyor.
16:12:27
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               Q. Well, I'm confused. This is before Peterman
16:12:27
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            came out or after Peterman came out?
16:12:30
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                   This was after his initial time out. This is
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               Α.
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            marked here May 10. Nick told me that the first time
16:12:41
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            they came out, when Nick did not come out, was the end
16:12:47
            of April.
16:12:51
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               Q. I'm sorry, I didn't have that over here. So you
16:12:55
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           dated this photograph?
16:12:58
16:12:59
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              A. Yes. Yes. This is dated with a stationing
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            along the City system that was located. And -- but
16:13:05
            Peterman had already been out, checked the corner
16:13:10
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            monuments, put an intermediate stake in the area that we
16:13:14
        3
            could go and further put these liner stakes in. So we
16:13:18
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            had that checked. He was out there earlier.
16:13:26
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                   What's the red line that is in the left-hand
16:13:29
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            corner going this way from the left-hand corner down the
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            line?
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                   That's the property line that we superimposed on
               Α.
16:13:46
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            this.
                   When you say we, who is we?
16:13:47
       11
               Ο.
                   I had a young fellow working for me. He was
16:13:49
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               Α.
16:13:53
       13
            kind of a computer graphics guy. And he put that line
                  I told him, let's -- so, because we don't know
16:13:59
       14
            where we're going here, let's put it in, the angle, as
16:14:03
       15
            best we can on that.
16:14:06
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16:14:08
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               Q. And does that photograph accurately depict where
            the property line was back in May 10 of 2006 --
16:14:11
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                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
16:14:17
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               Q. -- in connection with the tree cutting?
16:14:18
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection. No foundation that
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16:14:20
            he can establish the property line.
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                         THE COURT: I think we need to do that
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            first. Sustained.
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            BY MR. ROBON:
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                   Did you indicate -- explain to the jury, Mr.
16:14:28
            McCarthy, how you determined that the property line was
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            where you said it was? You had Peterman come out, do
16:14:37
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            the corner stakes, then he put some stakes in the
16:14:42
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            middle?
16:14:44
        5
               Α.
                   Right.
16:14:45
        6
                   What did you do after that --
16:14:45
        7
               Ο.
               Α.
                   We went --
16:14:46
        8
16:14:48
        9
                   -- from a surveying perspective?
               Q.
16:14:50
       10
               Α.
                   We went from those stakes, and we extended that
            line, using the railroad line, you know, those stakes
16:14:55
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            were 101 feet from the railroad line, and we came down
16:15:00
16:15:05
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            and we used that same distance to set these stakes.
                                                                       So
16:15:10
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            we knew we were on the -- within an inch or so.
            on the line.
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               Q. On the property line?
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                   On the property line. And this superimposed red
16:15:21
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            line I think, even as Christy and I agreed, the exact
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16:15:24
            angle of this thing is not of the same order of
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16:15:28
       20
            accuracy. This could be trusted a little bit.
16:15:34
       21
            very hard to take a photo and get the angle just right.
16:15:36
               Q. When you say you and Christy, you mean Mrs.
16:15:40
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       23
            Soncrant?
16:15:44
       24
               A. Yes.
16:15:44
16:15:45
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               Q. Did he agree with you on something with regard to
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            the property line regarding this photo?
16:15:48
                          She had -- the City surveyors came out. We
16:15:55
        2
                   No.
            brought Peterman back. And we treated this as, you
16:16:03
        3
            know, this was, I think -- I think, as I recall, Christy
16:16:14
        4
            didn't have any problem so much with the stake, but the
16:16:23
        5
            line may be twisted somewhat.
16:16:26
               O. Well, tell us what you did after May 10 of '06.
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                   Well, after May 10, we were building -- I think
16:16:38
               Α.
            we were still -- we were building the mound.
16:16:48
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16:16:52
       10
               Ο.
                   Behind lot 15 and 16?
                   Lot 15. I think we started this. I think we
16:16:56
       11
               Α.
       12
            did some of the work even -- my dates on some of the
16:16:59
16:17:03
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            receipts was even before this that we avoided this area.
            We were hauling in dirt.
16:17:06
       14
               Q. And can you tell the jury why you were hauling
16:17:08
       15
            dirt in?
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16:17:11
16:17:12
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               A. Well, this was a disaster as far as the
            development, the sales, my son.
16:17:17
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                         MR. BAHRET: Objection and move to strike
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16:17:20
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            reference to sales. He has no qualifications on that.
16:17:22
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                         THE COURT: Unless a proper foundation can
16:17:29
            be laid, I'll sustain that.
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            BY MR. ROBON:
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               Q. Just tell the jury the facts, what you did and
16:17:32
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            why you did it with regard to the mud.
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I went and hired a contractor to start bringing
16:17:43
            fill in, to start building the mound to put the trees on
16:17:48
            top of it.
16:17:52
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               O. Okay. And can you tell the jury roughly how many
16:17:54
        4
            loads of earth that you had brought in?
16:17:57
        5
                   Yes. We brought in -- I think it was -- I think
16:18:00
        6
            we said 100. And we said 60. But I think it was -- I
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16:18:08
            think it was 60 when we rechecked it after deposition
16:18:15
        8
            and that.
                         I think it was 60 loads of dirt, and about
16:18:19
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16:18:24
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            600 cubic yards of dirt was brought in as the first
            stage of building a mound to put trees on it.
16:18:28
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               Q.
                  And you brought it in how?
16:18:33
                   By truck. We --
16:18:35
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               Α.
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               Q.
                   From where?
                   We brought it in from Five Point Road. I talked
16:18:38
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               Α.
            to some of the contractors that I knew in the area, and
16:18:43
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            they showed me an area that they had clean fill.
                   And how did you get access?
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               0.
                   We came down the -- right down the railroad.
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               Α.
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            was all cleared and there was no one there. We brought
16:18:55
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            it right down the -- right from Bates Road down the
16:18:59
            railroad line and dumped it, dumped it into the
16:19:04
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            property.
16:19:09
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               Q. And can you tell the jury how long a period of
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time did this dumping of earth last: a day, a week, a

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            month?
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               A. We only run one day. We only ran one day the
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            trucks. We had, like, a dozen big dump trucks coming
16:19:25
        3
            from Five Point Road.
16:19:30
        4
                   And was the dirt free?
16:19:31
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               0.
                   Well, it was supposed to be free, but then at the
16:19:34
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            last moment they wanted a couple dollars per cubic yard,
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16:19:37
            which I paid them.
16:19:41
        8
                   And what did you do after the one day that the
16:19:43
               0.
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16:19:46
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            earth was delivered to the site?
                    That day we also had equipment there moving the
16:19:51
            dirt. And the following day we also started placing
16:19:53
16:19:58
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            the fill, getting ready to readjust the drainage to
            receive this fill, and we did -- we started the mound.
16:20:02
       14
               Q. Okay. Now, when you say adjusted the drainage,
16:20:09
       15
            when we were on the jury view, there was a drain tile
16:20:13
       16
16:20:16
       17
            that was perpendicular to the railroad?
                   Right.
16:20:19
       18
               Α.
                   About three to four inches under water, looked
       19
16:20:21
               Q.
       20
            like it was about 12 inches in diameter?
16:20:24
       21
               Α.
                   We put that in.
16:20:27
                   Who installed that?
16:20:28
       22
               Ο.
       23
               Α.
                   We put that in. That was all to do with the
16:20:29
       24
            mound.
16:20:31
16:20:31
       25
               Q. Where did that drainage pipe go to?
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That drainage pipe went into the railroad -- the
16:20:34
        1
               Α.
            railroad storm drain that they had right inside there.
16:20:40
        2
            We tapped into that and brought that out to make sure
16:20:43
        3
            that we had good drainage all along through there.
16:20:46
        4
                    First of all, can you tell the jury whether or
16:20:50
        5
            not that drain tile is operative today?
16:20:53
        6
        7
                    No, it's not operative today.
16:20:56
               Α.
                    Can you explain why it's not operative today?
16:20:58
        8
               0.
                    It's not operative today because the pipe
16:21:01
        9
               Α.
16:21:05
       10
            crossing that connected it and let all that out the main
            culvert that let it out to the south, out to the center
16:21:09
       11
       12
            ditch, was cut off during the water main construction.
16:21:12
16:21:16
       13
               Q. Now, can you tell the jury why you only dumped
16:21:21
       14
            earth one day?
                    Yes. I think the main thing was that we were --
16:21:25
       15
               Α.
       16
            Jack and you and I, I think you were talking to Jack.
16:21:34
                                                                        I
            didn't even --
16:21:37
       17
               Q. Forget the conversations. Tell us why you
16:21:38
       18
16:21:41
       19
            stopped.
16:21:41
       20
               Α.
                    Because it looked like we were covering up -- we
            were covering up some of this evidence of trees.
16:21:45
        21
                    And you were advised to stop?
16:21:49
       22
       23
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
16:21:51
16:21:52
       24
               Α.
                    Yes.
16:21:53
       25
                         THE COURT: Overruled.
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1
               Ο.
                   What did you then do?
16:21:56
                   Well, we disbanded this -- we disbanded this
16:22:00
        2
            operation of building this mound and that, and we pretty
16:22:10
        3
            much started -- I was trying to, you know, ask the City
16:22:16
        4
            of Toledo to come out and, you know, verify these trees
16:22:23
        5
            are there, we'd still like to build this mound, and that
16:22:30
        6
            kind of thing. And the City came out and did -- they
        7
16:22:33
            did surveys. I recalled Nick Nigh --
        8
16:22:40
               Q. From Peterman?
16:22:47
        9
16:22:48
       10
               A. -- from Peterman. I asked him to come out and,
            you know, in light of us having this dirt.
16:22:52
       11
16:22:57
       12
                   And the City was saying, Well, you know, some of
16:23:02
       13
            this is covered up. And I said, well, you come out;
            I'll -- whatever seems to be -- some of this right on
16:23:06
       14
            the edge of this was covered up. We'll bring a small
16:23:12
       15
16:23:16
       16
            backhoe in, and we'll clear out the very edge here so
16:23:21
       17
            that we can see -- we can see this -- the worst part of
       18
            the trespass clearing.
16:23:27
               Q. And did you do that?
16:23:28
       19
       20
16:23:29
               A. Yes, we did that. We dug -- I had an equipment
       21
            operator, and I even helped operate the machine myself.
16:23:35
            We carefully dug it out and --
16:23:40
       22
       23
               Q. How deep did you dig?
16:23:42
16:23:44
       24
               A. We dug about four or five feet deep. The trench
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that you might have seen still out there is kind of

16:23:49

16:23:53 1 partially filled in.

16:23:54

16:23:58

16:23:59

16:24:11

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16:24:36

16:24:45

16:24:48

16:24:57

16:25:00

16:25:05

16:25:09

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- Q. And what -- when you dug four or five feet deep, what was exposed?
- A. Like you see here, this was -- these shoots that were sticking up, the trunks, all of this was -- it had some dirt on it. Most of it was just under the surface but some of it we had to clean off by hand to show these were freshly cut trees.
 - Q. Did you show the City surveyors that?
- Α. The surveyors came out. Christy came out afterwards. I think this -- maybe probably right around this time in this picture that's up here, Christy came out and we went through this again. Here's the trees. Here's -- it's cleared up now. Let's not have any doubt that this stuff was -- really, it was the extent of it, particularly on the -- what was covered up was the brambles and the small shoots the size of your fingers and thumbs that were coming up and coming out onto just over the property line, was coming up on Cambridge property. But those were hard to see because some of those were busted off. The way those bushes grow, there's -- the clumps, the stump is actually below ground, and they branch out underground, and they come out of the ground as shoots. And so we were trying to clear as much of that up, even some of these things

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            here, some of the bigger shoots. But there were shoots
16:25:48
            every two inch, six inches. This was a maze of
16:25:53
        2
            small --
16:26:01
        3
               Q. Mr. Nigh testified a minute ago that there were
16:26:02
        4
            thousands of brambles. Tell the jury what you saw?
16:26:06
        5
                    We even tried to go --
16:26:09
        6
                    Tell the jury what you saw.
        7
               Ο.
16:26:11
                    We saw thousands of brambles coming up to just in
16:26:13
        8
               Α.
            this 300 feet, whatever we were investigating here, 250
16:26:21
        9
16:26:25
       10
            feet.
                    So the earth that you brought to the site only
16:26:26
       11
               0.
       12
            covered a portion of a couple of the lots in the back?
16:26:32
                           Six -- part of 16, 15, and part of 14.
16:26:35
       13
               Α.
                    Yes.
                    So you didn't affect 12 or 13, part of 14?
16:26:43
       14
               Q.
                    No, we didn't build a mound on there. We were
16:26:49
       15
               Α.
            getting ready to build a mound down there.
16:26:53
       16
                    I understand, but no dirt was hauled in --
16:26:55
       17
               0.
                    No, we didn't bring any dirt down there.
16:26:58
       18
               Α.
                    Tell the jury about the attitude of the City
       19
16:27:01
       20
            personnel when you kept communicating with them?
16:27:04
        21
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
16:27:07
                         MR. ROBON: I'll rephrase the question.
16:27:13
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       23
                         THE COURT:
                                      Thank you.
16:27:14
       24
            BY MR. ROBON:
16:27:14
16:27:14
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               0.
                   Would you tell the jury your impression of the
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            City's interest with regard to the Cambridge
16:27:17
            subdivision.
16:27:24
        2
                         MR. BAHRET: I object to that too.
16:27:24
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                         THE COURT: Sustained.
16:27:26
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                   What was your impression of the City's attitude?
16:27:27
        5
               Q.
                         MR. BAHRET:
                                       Objection.
16:27:30
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                         THE COURT: Let me see counsel up here.
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16:27:33
                         (Discussion had off the record.)
16:27:36
        8
            BY MR. ROBON:
16:28:52
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16:28:53
       10
               Q.
                   Mr. McCarthy --
                   Yes, sir.
16:28:55
       11
               Α.
       12
               Q. -- would you indicate to the jury whether you
16:28:55
16:28:58
       13
            felt a cooperative or uncooperative colloquia, or with
            the City of Toledo representatives?
16:29:07
       14
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection, Your Honor.
16:29:09
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16:29:10
       16
                         THE COURT: Overruled. He may answer.
                   Maybe I'll just tell you what transpired, and
16:29:13
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       18
            make up your own mind. But I asked that they send out
16:29:17
            the survey crew. And we talked to the survey crew when
       19
16:29:24
       20
            they were out there. Our surveyor, my surveyors, not
16:29:27
            Nick Nigh, but my guys were throughout who had put these
       21
16:29:33
            lines in, these stakes. And we talked to the
16:29:37
       22
       23
            surveyors. And the surveyors, they're just working
16:29:40
       24
            guys, like my own working guys. We didn't have any
16:29:47
16:29:50
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            problem with them. They were trying to do GPS, and
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            they were trying to bring this in and make sure -- check
16:29:53
            our monuments and that. So they were at least out
        2
16:29:58
            there checking it.
16:30:03
        3
                   And the only rub came in, they sent -- they went
16:30:05
        4
            back; they didn't give us anything. They went back to
16:30:14
        5
            their office, and it just seemed as though after we had
16:30:18
        6
            talked to them, and when I say we, my man, Will Heineman
        7
16:30:24
            was a fellow that was working for me. He talked to
16:30:30
        8
            them more than I did. But they were very -- the
16:30:32
        9
16:30:39
       10
            workmen themselves were very cooperative. They said
            right then, we don't have any problem. The railroad is
16:30:42
       11
       12
            right here. Your stakes are right on.
16:30:45
16:30:51
       13
            monuments, we don't have any problem with your
16:30:53
       14
            monuments. But, you know, all we're working with is
            this GPS. We're not -- our drawings aren't tied into
16:30:56
       15
            your monuments and that kind of thing. And, you know,
16:31:03
       16
16:31:09
       17
            our main office might have a different idea about, yeah,
            your stakes and your line and our lines, the same thing.
16:31:15
       18
               Q. When you say your main office, you're talking
       19
16:31:18
       20
16:31:22
            about?
16:31:22
       21
               Α.
                   The City of Toledo.
                   The administration?
16:31:23
       22
               Ο.
                   Their administration. They have a man, his name
       23
               Α.
16:31:24
       24
            is Babcock, I think was his name. And so I called him
16:31:27
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up and I said, Hey, are we square on this surveying?

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16:31:35

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            Your guys are out here.
16:31:39
                        MR. BAHRET: Your Honor, I'm going to object
16:31:41
        2
            to this.
16:31:42
        3
                         THE COURT: He's now getting into hearsay.
16:31:43
        4
               A. But that's what we did. We talked to them. And
16:31:48
        5
            he told me, Mr. Babcock told me --
16:31:51
        7
                         MR. BAHRET: There's not a question here.
16:31:56
            It's still hearsay, and I still object.
        8
16:31:58
                         MR. ROBON: He's indicating what happened,
16:32:00
        9
16:32:02
       10
            Your Honor.
                         THE COURT: He's giving a narrative of the
16:32:02
       11
           question.
16:32:08
16:32:08
       13
                         MR. ROBON: I'll rephrase the question.
           BY MR. ROBON:
16:32:11
       14
               Q. Would you tell the jury about your conversation
16:32:11
       15
            with Mr. Babcock? Was he the commissioner at the time?
16:32:14
       16
16:32:18
       17
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
               A. He was the survey chief.
16:32:19
       18
                         THE COURT: Overruled.
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16:32:21
       20
16:32:22
                   You can answer.
               Q.
       21
                   He was their survey office chief.
16:32:23
               Α.
                   And tell us about the conversation.
16:32:26
       22
               0.
       23
                         MR. BAHRET: I object.
16:32:29
       24
                         THE COURT: That's inviting hearsay in part.
16:32:32
16:32:34
       25
            I don't know what he's going to say.
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MR. ROBON: The point is it's the City of
16:32:36
        1
            Toledo. They're a defendant in this case. There is
16:32:38
        2
            no hearsay. They're a party defendant. It's an
16:32:40
        3
            admission against interest.
16:32:43
        4
                         MR. BAHRET: No, it's not an admission
16:32:45
        5
            against interest. Plus he's not in a position to make
16:32:46
        6
            admissions or denials on behalf of the City. You have
        7
16:32:50
            to have somebody from administration.
        8
16:32:52
                         THE COURT: I'm unclear on Mr. Babcock's
16:32:55
        9
16:32:58
       10
           position.
                         MR. BAHRET: He's the chief surveyor.
16:32:58
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       12
                         THE COURT: Employed by the City?
16:33:00
16:33:01
       13
                         MR. BAHRET: Yes.
                         THE COURT: Let's go back to the question.
16:33:04
       14
            Did you have a conversation with Mr. Babcock at some
16:33:09
       15
       16
            point?
16:33:13
16:33:13
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                         THE WITNESS: Yes, by phone.
                         THE COURT: By phone. And, Mr. Robon, your
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16:33:17
            question is?
       19
16:33:20
       20
16:33:20
            BY MR. ROBON:
       21
                   My question is, can you tell us about that
16:33:21
               Q.
            conversation, what transpired?
16:33:23
       22
       23
               A. Just what he was saying is --
16:33:26
       24
                         MR. BAHRET: I object.
16:33:29
16:33:30
       25
                         THE COURT: Overruled.
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1 These surveys, you don't know within a foot or 16:33:33 two, that you can never really be that accurate, and 16:33:36 2 basically the stuff that my men saw out there, if it was 16:33:43 3 a foot or two over this way, none of these trees would 16:33:48 4 16:33:51 be on your property. He mentioned that type of thing. 5 That was his -- that was his -- the gist of what he 16:33:59 6 said. 7 16:34:06 0. 16:34:06 8 Okay. And so what I did then was say, Well, look --16:34:07 9 Α. 16:34:11 10 what I requested, why don't we have a joint survey. You bring your people out here. We'll have our people out 16:34:15 11 12 here, and we'll both survey. This is what, at least in 16:34:17 16:34:20 13 the Corps of Engineers, when we had a survey dispute, it was the only way we could sanely resolve it because once 16:34:23 14 this stuff goes back a way, just like you guys are 16:34:28 15 16 having trouble with, the same with the administration on 16:34:32 16:34:35 17 these things, we can't figure it out. 0. Tell us what occurred. Did a joint survey 16:34:36 18 occur? 19 16:34:39 20 Α. We scheduled it. We tried to schedule it with 16:34:39 21 Christy. They were going to come back out, and we were 16:34:45 both going to go and sit on these things, and have 16:34:48 22 23 exactly what -- where these things were. Not this foot 16:34:53 24 or two difference that Mr. Babcock was alluding to. 16:34:58

Q. Did that ever happen?

16:35:02

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1
                    We came out.
16:35:03
               Α.
                         THE COURT: Did it happen? Yes or no.
16:35:04
        2
16:35:06
        3
                         THE WITNESS:
                                        No.
                         THE COURT: Thank you.
16:35:06
        4
                    They wouldn't come out.
16:35:07
        5
               Α.
                         MR. BAHRET:
                                       Objection.
16:35:08
        6
                   Can you tell the jury why it didn't happen?
        7
               0.
16:35:10
               Α.
                   Christy told me that they had to go do something
16:35:13
        8
16:35:16
        9
            else.
16:35:22
       10
                         THE COURT: There's no question pending.
            Unless you're still answering the question.
16:35:24
       11
       12
               Α.
                   Well, I think it is in the sense eventually they
16:35:27
16:35:32
       13
            did put a guideline there exactly. We put our line in
            more exactly with Nick Nigh. And both lines did indeed
16:35:36
       14
            fall on top of each other. This was sort of like a
16:35:42
       15
16:35:46
            nothing thing with Bob Babcock.
       16
16:35:49
       17
                   So the City -- is it your testimony that the City
            then agreed with your and Nick Nigh's survey?
16:35:53
       18
                   The property line they -- they put their stakes
16:35:57
       19
       20
            right next to ours, or we put our stakes right next to
16:36:03
       21
            theirs.
                      Without them coming and acknowledging, yes,
16:36:09
            and all, the fact is, though, the stakes were against
16:36:11
       22
       23
            each other. The lath, quarter-inch lath is right up
16:36:15
16:36:19
       24
            against each other. And as far as I was concerned, we
16:36:23
       25
            didn't have a survey problem or a foot or two
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            difference. This thing that you're looking at here was
16:36:27
            tied into them. This was, you know, no question about
16:36:31
        2
16:36:38
        3
            it.
              Q. Okay. And so tell the jury where the brambles
16:36:38
        4
            were after the City came out and staked it a second
16:36:44
        5
            time. Were they on the railroad property or on the
16:36:48
        6
            Cambridge property, the ones that were cut?
        7
16:36:50
               A. When they came out the second time, we had
16:36:55
        8
            already dug -- like we just talked about earlier, we had
16:36:58
        9
16:37:02
       10
            already dug this out. And they came out --
                        THE COURT: The question is -- I'm sorry to
16:37:05
       11
       12
            interrupt you -- which side were the brambles located.
16:37:07
16:37:10
       13
               A. The brambles that we were talking about were
            still on the Cambridge side.
16:37:14
       14
               Q. Okay. Thank you. Now, this occurred in what
16:37:17
       15
            month? Do you recall?
16:37:23
       16
               A. Yes. This was in May. This May 10th -- the
16:37:24
       17
            thing here.
16:37:31
       18
               Q. What was the next major event that occurred with
       19
16:37:32
       20
            the City of Toledo and the Cambridge subdivision after
16:37:39
       21
            May of 2006?
16:37:45
               A. Well, I'm not sure which -- how far away you're
16:37:53
       23
            talking about, Marv, but we went as far as we could with
16:37:56
       24
            this survey. We brought Nick Nigh out to make this
16:38:04
16:38:08
       25
            drawing and survey, each one of the stumps and as many
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1
            of the bramble shoots that he could, and make that map.
16:38:12
            We did that. And I think that's really all that we did
16:38:16
        2
            on this.
16:38:21
        3
                    Tell the jury whether or not you or anybody
16:38:25
        4
               0.
            employed by Mr. Laskey or Mr. Taylor or by the
16:38:28
        5
            contractor you hired to run the dozer, did anybody move
16:38:32
        6
            any of the roots of the brambles or the tree stumps?
        7
16:38:37
                   No, we didn't remove anything.
16:38:42
        8
               Α.
16:38:45
        9
               Q.
                   Move, m-o-v-e?
16:38:48
       10
               A. You mean move?
               Q. Did you push the brambles from one side to
16:38:50
       11
       12
            another?
16:38:55
16:38:55
       13
               A. Understand, these brambles and trees are not
16:38:59
       14
            moved.
               Q. Answer my question, please. Did you or anybody
16:38:59
       15
            on your behalf, Mr. Laskey's behalf, use a bulldozer or
16:39:03
       16
16:39:08
       17
            a backhoe or any kind of equipment and move the location
            of those original brambles that were cut?
16:39:13
       18
                    No. How could we do that?
       19
               Α.
16:39:16
16:39:19
       20
               Q.
                    That's not what I'm asking.
                   No, we didn't do that.
       21
16:39:21
               Α.
                    Thank you.
16:39:23
       22
               Ο.
       23
                    What then occurred with regard to the
16:39:23
       24
            installation of the 66-inch water main?
16:39:26
16:39:40
       25
               A. Right after this they were -- they were regrading
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1
            the area on top of the old railroad.
16:39:47
                   They, being?
        2
               0.
16:39:50
                   The contractor, Ric-man.
16:39:51
        3
               Α.
                   For the City?
16:39:53
        4
               Ο.
16:39:54
               Α.
                   For the City. Was regrading the area up on the
        5
            railroad bed. And the next -- the issue we started
16:39:59
        6
            getting into immediately was the cross drain, the
        7
16:40:07
            railroad cross drain.
        8
16:40:14
                   And how did you know about that?
16:40:16
        9
               0.
16:40:20
       10
               Α.
                    When we went out there during the course of this
            situation, they were still continuing back into May.
16:40:27
       12
            They were continuing to prepare to put this water main
16:40:33
16:40:36
       13
            in, grading off and cleaning up things. And one of the
16:40:43
       14
            things that I saw, and I may have seen this before out
            there, but I noticed that the cross drain manhole, which
16:40:48
       15
            is just off the Cambridge property --
16:40:52
       16
16:40:56
       17
               Q. Would you come over here. I want you to identify
            where that is, please, here on Exhibit Number 6.
16:40:59
       18
                                                                   Use
            this and point for the jury what manhole you're
       19
16:41:13
       20
16:41:17
            referring to.
       21
               Α.
                   This manhole right here.
16:41:23
                   How did you first observe that?
16:41:25
       22
               Ο.
       23
               Α.
                    I believe the first I saw this was in walking
16:41:28
       24
            around with this tree clearing thing, we noticed this.
16:41:33
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And we didn't really know -- I didn't really know what

16:41:36

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1
            it was. And then immediately as they were grading up
16:41:40
            this area, I noticed that Ric-man was pushing dirt into
        2
16:41:44
            this and knocked the top off, and maybe part of the top
16:41:48
        3
            was already off.
16:41:51
        4
                   Of the manhole?
16:41:52
        5
               0.
                   Of the manhole right here. That there was dirt
16:41:53
        6
            being pushed into that. And I looked around.
        7
16:41:57
            the engineer I am, I guess, that this certainly appears
16:42:04
        8
16:42:08
            to anybody, this is the low area of this whole region.
        9
16:42:14
       10
               Q.
                   The manhole area?
                   The manhole area.
16:42:15
       11
               Α.
                   And I'm thinking that this must be an underdrain
16:42:17
       12
16:42:27
       13
            for this whole region. And, you know, maybe we better
            take care of this. And I first noticed that.
16:42:32
       14
                                                                I don't
            know whether I talked with Ric-man or Christy, but we
16:42:40
       15
            mentioned it. That was the first I saw -- really
16:42:45
       16
            noticed of that manhole.
16:42:55
       17
                   And was that -- tell us timing-wise, was that
16:42:56
       18
               0.
            before they were excavating behind Cambridge subdivision
       19
16:42:59
       20
            and installing that big water main?
16:43:04
       21
               Α.
                   Yes.
                           Yes. That was grading off prior to so
16:43:06
            that they could bring the --
16:43:10
       23
               Q. So tell the jury what you did about what you saw
16:43:13
       24
            on the manhole.
16:43:16
16:43:17
       25
               A. Well, I believe I talked to Christy, to
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1
            Ric-man's -- someone with Ric-man or perhaps Joe
16:43:21
            Crandall, the inspector.
16:43:27
        2
               Q. He's an inspector for the City?
16:43:30
        3
                   Yes.
16:43:32
        4
               Α.
               Q. What did you tell them?
16:43:33
        5
               A. I'm not sure which one I did, Marv, because this
16:43:35
        6
            is two years ago now. But we did make a fuss about,
        7
16:43:38
            Hey, maybe this thing has some value to the properties
16:43:42
        8
            over here. And, you know, we don't blame you for the
16:43:45
        9
            whole thing, the railroad had neglected it before.
16:43:51
       10
            I think I had seen that the thing was -- the top was
16:43:55
       11
       12
            knocked around or something. But it was worse because
16:43:59
16:44:02
       13
            of this grading. You're letting it -- the dirt go
16:44:06
       14
            right down in the manhole. Later on I found that there
            was a cross pipe in there, and that was right where the
16:44:09
       15
            dirt was going. And in the brush, because they were
16:44:12
       16
            putting -- some of this brush was still around, and they
16:44:16
       17
            were -- some of the limbs -- I think we've got pictures
16:44:19
       18
            of that someplace. So that was the first I really got
       19
16:44:22
16:44:27
       20
            into this cross drain and this manhole that is tied to
       21
            it.
16:44:33
                   Do you want me to keep going on this drainage
16:44:40
       22
       23
            thing?
16:44:43
       24
                        MR. ROBON: No, never mind. I found it.
16:44:44
16:44:52
       25
              Q. I'm looking at Exhibit 56.
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1
               Α.
                    Yes.
16:44:58
                    Is this the manhole after it was repaired, or is
        2
               0.
16:44:59
            this the manhole before it was repaired?
16:45:03
        3
                    This manhole has been repaired from the time I
16:45:06
        4
               Α.
            was talking about it.
16:45:12
        5
                    Okay. Is this the manhole that we're talking
16:45:13
        6
            about?
        7
16:45:16
                    This is the manhole that we were talking about.
16:45:17
        8
               Α.
            And that's me. And this is the manhole.
16:45:19
        9
16:45:25
       10
            somewhere along the line I thought we were doing pretty
            good because Ric-man or somebody went and repaired the
16:45:27
       12
            thing. And --
16:45:30
16:45:33
       13
               Q. So could you tell us the timing of this picture?
            Was this before or after the 66-inch water main was
16:45:36
       14
            behind the Cambridge subdivision?
16:45:43
       15
       16
               Α.
                   I can't tell.
16:45:47
16:45:53
       17
               0.
                    That's you in the picture?
                    Yeah. But I can't really -- I can't really say.
16:45:55
       18
               Α.
            I can't tell the -- well, what's around it?
       19
16:46:00
16:46:05
       20
                         THE COURT: No date on the photo?
       21
                         MR. ROBON: No date on the photo, Your
16:46:07
            Honor.
16:46:09
       22
       23
                         THE COURT: Thank you.
16:46:09
       24
               A. How much longer on your direct, please?
16:46:09
16:46:13
       25
                         MR. ROBON: I'm going to be quite some time,
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1
            Your Honor.
16:46:16
                         THE COURT: Define "quite some time."
16:46:16
        2
                         MR. ROBON: Hour. I'll try to make it 45
16:46:18
        3
            minutes. I didn't realize what time it was.
16:46:24
        4
                         THE COURT: I want to break in the next 15
16:46:28
        5
            minutes. So whenever you get to a breaking point, let
16:46:30
        6
        7
            me know.
16:46:34
                         MR. ROBON: Sure.
16:46:36
        8
16:46:37
               Q. You say Ric-man repaired the manhole, and you're
        9
16:46:41
       10
            looking at the repair?
               A. Right. Sometime before they did the water main
16:46:42
       11
            they -- I believe they fixed -- they put the top piece
16:46:46
16:46:51
       13
            back up on here and fixed up -- put the lid back on top.
16:46:57
       14
               Q. Okay. And --
               A. But I can't tell from here whether the water main
16:46:58
       15
            was already in here or not.
16:47:00
       16
16:47:02
       17
               Q. Okay. Well, what I want to know is tell the jury
            whether or not you looked into the manhole to see what
16:47:06
       18
            was down at the bottom?
       19
16:47:09
       20
               A. Yes.
16:47:10
               Q. What did you see?
16:47:12
       21
                   I saw the three pipes, the two pipes coming in,
16:47:14
       22
       23
            and the one pipe going out.
16:47:20
       24
               Q. And where did the pipe -- the emptying pipe,
16:47:23
       25
            where did that go?
16:47:26
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That went across the railroad, the old railroad
        1
               Α.
16:47:27
            bed.
        2
16:47:29
                   And how could you tell that?
16:47:31
        3
               0.
               A. Just the way it was pointed, and then early on we
16:47:35
        4
            went -- or I went and I thought we took pictures, but I
16:47:41
        5
            guess we didn't, somewhere we could see the other end
16:47:46
        6
            coming out in the center ditch of the railroad.
        7
16:47:51
            could see both ends, or I could see both ends even
16:47:54
        8
16:47:57
            though the one in the center ditch was down, way down in
        9
16:48:00
       10
            the bottom and it was all tangled up, and you couldn't
            really, without digging it out ourselves, you couldn't
16:48:05
       12
            really tell how -- other than identify it as this same
16:48:08
16:48:13
       13
            type, 24-inch VC, we call it, vitrified clay pipe
            installation. I also went down in there.
16:48:20
       14
               Q. Physically in the manhole?
16:48:25
       15
                    I went physically in the manhole and we took --
16:48:26
       16
               Α.
16:48:31
       17
            because it's -- this is from the top of this manhole
       18
            down to the bottom is about -- it's about eight feet
16:48:38
       19
            deep.
16:48:41
       20
16:48:41
               Q. Could you come back over here for a moment,
       21
            please.
16:48:44
                    When you went down to the bottom of the manhole,
16:49:14
       22
       23
            did you discover that there were these other drains
16:49:17
       24
            literally along the railroad draining into it?
16:49:23
16:49:25
       25
               Α.
                    Yes.
                           I was -- I was in this manhole more than
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1
                    Meaning, you know, to go down in it with your
16:49:29
            head and look. The one time I went down and looked,
        2
16:49:36
            and I had a little rake, and I got the leaves and stuff
16:49:43
        3
            out so I could identify this pipe was still there, this
16:49:46
        4
            pipe was still coming in. And I had -- I had a mirror
16:49:50
        5
            on Lori's little dust pan --
16:49:54
        6
        7
               Q. Lori is your daughter-in-law?
16:50:02
                   Lori is my daughter-in-law who lives here.
16:50:03
        8
               Α.
                   And I had a little mirror on there.
16:50:06
        9
16:50:09
       10
            it's seven or eight feet deep down at the bottom of it.
            So I could see the end of this pipe coming in and how
16:50:14
       11
            filled with debris it was, which was about two thirds
       12
16:50:18
16:50:22
       13
            full of debris. There was a lot of debris in it.
                                                                     But
16:50:25
       14
            it still appeared, at least from this end, that it was
            working.
16:50:28
       15
               Q. Now, my next question, on Exhibit Number 6, this
16:50:29
       16
            is a graphic with an overlay of the subdivision and the
16:50:32
       17
            railroad and the ditches and the manhole. Did you help
16:50:35
       18
            a graphic artist prepare this to scale?
       19
16:50:39
       20
               Α.
                   Yes.
16:50:42
       21
                   And does this exhibit accurately depict what is
16:50:42
               Ο.
            currently there physically today?
16:50:47
       22
       23
                   Yes. We tried to do that as best we could.
16:50:50
               Α.
       24
                   Now, after you discovered this manhole and you
16:50:56
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felt that the water drained into this railroad ditch

16:51:02

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1
            right here, what communications did you have with the
16:51:08
            contracting firm or the City of Toledo?
16:51:15
        2
                   Well, early on when I looked into this manhole,
16:51:22
        3
               Α.
            before I went down there with a mirror or anything, the
16:51:29
        4
            question arose: Which way does its go? Maybe the
16:51:32
        5
            drain goes this way. And early on I asked Ray Huber.
16:51:40
        6
            Christy came out, and we had the contractor there --
        7
16:51:48
        8
               Q. She had a meeting with everybody?
16:51:52
                   We had a meeting with everybody.
16:51:53
        9
               Α.
16:51:54
       10
               Q.
                   Did you given an opinion?
16:51:56
       11
               Α.
                   Yes.
       12
               Q. What was your opinion at that time when you had
16:51:57
16:51:59
       13
            the meeting with all these engineers?
                   I thought we needed this -- we needed this drain
16:52:02
       14
            for this whole area and that it went this way.
16:52:08
       15
16:52:11
       16
               0.
                   It went across, underneath the water main?
                   It went this way (motioning). But I was not --
16:52:15
       17
            I hadn't really given this thing a lot of thought,
16:52:23
       18
            hadn't really been down there to see exactly if these
       19
16:52:27
       20
            pipes were there and whatnot. So we came out, and we
16:52:32
            met. We met on-site. And we talked about this thing.
       21
16:52:35
                   Ray Huber even brought a little drawing that the
16:52:40
       22
       23
            County had that showed that it was a drain that was not
16:52:44
       24
            on the City of Toledo drawings. Certainly a main drain
16:52:51
       25
            like this should be, but it wasn't. And Ray at first,
16:52:58
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all he said was basically, hey, I got this drawing.
        1
16:53:04
            His assistant gave it to him. He was just bringing it
16:53:08
        2
            out there to show us. And he confirmed that, yes,
16:53:12
        3
            there was a drain pipe there, but had not himself at
16:53:16
        4
            that time, he didn't really know which way it went or
16:53:20
        5
            anything about this thing. Said, hey, this was a City
16:53:24
        6
            of Toledo project, and my office is not really involved
        7
16:53:28
            in it.
        8
16:53:33
                   "My office" being Ray's office?
        9
16:53:33
               Q.
16:53:35
       10
               Α.
                   Being the county engineer's office.
                   So he came out, and we had that initial meeting.
16:53:37
       11
               0.
       12
            And then I went back. And I don't know exactly the
16:53:46
16:53:53
       13
            time, but I went back with his assistant eventually and
            we got it kind of confirmed: Yes, that it does go this
16:54:00
       14
            way, this type of 24-inch cross drain, according to his
16:54:05
       15
            assistant, who is the drainage engineer for Wood County.
16:54:11
       16
            He said this type of drain, yes, would drain about 40
16:54:15
       17
            acres. And yes, this kind of matches with the part of
16:54:19
       18
            this 100 acres that's in this drainage area.
       19
16:54:24
       20
            that would be going in here. He even said that --
16:54:28
       21
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
16:54:31
16:54:32
       22
               0.
                   Let me ask another question.
       23
                         THE COURT: Thank you.
16:54:34
       24
            BY MR. ROBON:
16:54:34
16:54:35
       25
               Q. When we talk about the water draining towards the
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1
            manhole, have you seen what they call a topo map,
16:54:37
        2
            topography?
16:54:42
16:54:46
        3
               A. Yes.
               Q. Would you tell the jury, where are the high spots
16:54:47
        4
            on Exhibit Number 6, and where the low spots?
16:54:50
        5
               A. Engineers, when you do a water basin study like
16:54:55
        6
            this, the main tool you use is this U.S. quad sheet,
        7
16:55:06
            which is a contour map. And the contour map, which I
16:55:14
        8
            think we've got someplace, contour maps show contours
16:55:18
        9
16:55:22
       10
            running this way, that this was the low area of this
            whole region, both sides, that this came down here --
16:55:25
       12
               Q. Towards the manhole?
16:55:28
16:55:30
       13
               A. -- towards the manhole. And this was obviously,
            you know, the manhole, the pipe that drained this area
16:55:33
       14
            across to -- this is a grassy creek, I guess they call
16:55:38
       15
            it, over here and down to Rossford.
16:55:43
       16
16:55:49
       17
               Q. My next question is once you informed everybody
            that you thought that active pipe was draining this
16:55:51
       18
            area, what next happened with the City of Toledo?
       19
16:55:55
       20
               A. Well, I talked to Christy Soncrant, and I guess
16:56:01
            her main --
       21
16:56:10
               Q. Just what happened? Concise. Everyone wants to
16:56:11
       22
       23
            go home.
16:56:17
       24
              A. Okay. Basically she indicated that she wasn't
16:56:17
       25
            sure the county engineer -- he wasn't really tuned in on
16:56:28
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this thing. He might not know -- she led me to believe
16:56:32
        1
            the contract --
16:56:37
        2
                         THE COURT REPORTER: Excuse me?
16:56:39
        3
                         THE COURT: If you can take your seat now if
16:56:44
        4
        5
            you're done with the map, that would help, with the
16:56:46
            microphone.
16:56:46
        6
            BY MR. ROBON:
        7
16:56:46
                   The contract said he did not need it?
16:57:05
        8
               Ο.
                   That the contract said -- I'll correct that, that
16:57:08
        9
               Α.
16:57:11
       10
            it wasn't needed. That it was -- that it was clogged
                  That it was clogged up, that -- but she told me
16:57:15
            up.
       12
            that, too, hey, you couldn't ever prove it's needed, and
16:57:19
16:57:25
       13
            that we can always put it back. And I mentioned as far
            as I was concerned, I'm still convinced that there's a
16:57:31
       14
16:57:35
            problem putting this back now with the water main in
       15
            there. But that was the end of -- her last thing to me
16:57:37
       16
16:57:44
       17
            was that, you know, we can always put it back later.
                   But they ignored your --
16:57:50
       18
               0.
                         MR. BAHRET: Objection.
       19
16:57:52
       20
               Q. -- recommendation?
16:57:53
       21
                         THE COURT: Sustained.
16:57:54
            BY MR. ROBON:
16:57:55
       22
       23
               Q.
                    I'll rephrase. What did they do with your
16:57:55
       24
            recommendations?
16:57:59
16:58:00
       25
               A. They went nowhere.
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MR. ROBON: Your Honor, I'm at a good
16:58:01
        1
            breaking point.
16:58:03
        2
                         THE COURT: We're going to go somewhere.
16:58:04
        3
            We're going to go home. Ladies and gentlemen, what
16:58:06
        4
            time would you like to start tomorrow morning?
16:58:08
        5
                         THE JUROR: 10:30.
                                               I want to see my
16:58:13
        6
            granddaughter's concert. She's moving.
        7
16:58:15
                         THE COURT: Is the concert tonight?
        8
16:58:18
16:58:20
        9
                         THE JUROR: No, tomorrow morning at 9:00.
16:58:22
       10
            She's moving to the state of Washington in two weeks.
            And she just moved here from Britain a year ago.
16:58:25
       11
       12
                         THE COURT: Do you want to borrow my video
16:58:28
16:58:30
       13
            camera?
16:58:31
       14
                         THE JUROR: No. I want to see it.
                         THE COURT: That's not an option. I
16:58:32
       15
       16
            appreciate that. If we start that late, I'm afraid our
16:58:36
            timetable will become askew.
16:58:41
       17
       18
                         THE JUROR: Can't you start without me and I
16:58:45
           can catch up?
16:58:47
       19
16:58:48
       20
                         THE COURT: It's a nice thought.
       21
                         MR. BAHRET: I've never heard that question
16:58:50
            asked.
16:58:52
       22
       23
                         THE COURT: I'm afraid I might start a
16:58:53
       24
            stampede. Other than 10:30, what time would you like
16:58:55
16:59:01
       25
            to start tomorrow morning?
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1 THE JUROR: 8:00. 16:59:05 THE COURT: Can you all be here at 8:00? 16:59:06 2 Counsel, you'll need to be here before 8:00 so you're 16:59:08 3 set and ready to go and we can walk in at 8:00. 16:59:12 4 I'm sending you home. Some of you I'm 16:59:15 5 sending home not very happy, I understand. 16:59:18 6 you you're going to again get questioned when you walk 7 16:59:23 in the doors. I ask you to please remember the rules. 16:59:25 8 We're in recess until 8:00 tomorrow morning. 16:59:28 9 17:00:41 10 MR. ROBON: I wanted to proffer what Mr. Stawinski would have said about this steel. 17:00:44 11 17:00:49 12 THE COURT: Sure. Bob, do you want to 17:00:51 13 listen in to the proffer? 17:00:54 14 MR. BAHRET: Sure. Yes. MR. ROBON: Let the record indicate there 17:00:57 15 17:00:59 16 was an objection to Mr. Stawinski being asked about flying debris, and we would have offered Exhibit Number 17:01:04 17 10, which is part of a steel coil from a rail car that 17:01:08 18 he would have testified that when the trees were being 17:01:12 19 20 17:01:16 cleared by the City's contractors, he went out, forgot to get his paper or mail, and he heard a cling, and a 17:01:22 21 piece of debris flew into the lot next to him. 17:01:27 22 17:01:31 23 retrieved it. It's Exhibit 10. And we wanted to show the recklessness of the City of Toledo, and the 17:01:37 24 17:01:41 25 contractor's type of equipment that they were using was

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1
            inappropriate in a subdivision where -- in a residence
17:01:45
            with kids, especially when the machine itself said "Stay
17:01:50
        2
            back 300 feet."
17:01:53
        3
                         MR. WATKINS: It was not the City of Toledo
17:01:54
        4
            doing the work.
        5
17:01:56
                         MR. BAHRET: And besides, he testified it
17:01:57
        6
            wasn't the feller buncher that had the label on it.
        7
17:01:59
                                                                      Не
            said it was the hydro-axe, which doesn't stay back 300
17:02:04
        8
            feet. So Marv is intentionally mixing up his pictures.
        9
17:02:09
17:02:13
       10
            The City of Toledo did not pick nor supervise the
            subcontractor of Ric-man to do the clearing.
17:02:17
       11
       12
            Vermillion testified they were entirely under the
17:02:20
17:02:22
       13
            control of Ric-man as to how much to clear. That's in
            the record. And this individual that claims he almost
17:02:26
       14
            got hit by this device is not a party to this case, and
17:02:31
       15
       16
            it has no relevance to any actions of the City of
17:02:34
            Toledo.
17:02:37
       17
                         THE COURT: The Court indicated earlier off
       18
17:02:38
            the record that it felt that any possible relevance, and
       19
17:02:40
       20
            frankly, I still struggle to see the relevance of this
17:02:44
       21
            testimony or exhibit to the issues pending in this
17:02:49
            trial, is clearly outweighed by prejudice and confusion
17:02:51
       22
       23
            to the jury. There is no claim for personal injury or
17:02:56
            infliction of emotional distress. The issue is, as
       24
17:03:01
17:03:05
       25
            I've been listening to it, and as I understand it, was
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17:03:08	1	there an encroachment? Was there a trespass? And if			
17:03:12	2	so, what are the damages attributable to that? And this			
17:03:15	3	goes beyond the scope of those issues. So that was the			
17:03:19	4	reason for my ruling and excluding that testimony.			
17:03:23	5	MR. ROBON: Thanks, Judge.			
17:03:24	6	THE COURT: Thank you all.			
	7	(Adjourned at 5:03 p.m.)			
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	10	CERTIFICATE			
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